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To enhance the quality of health care by certifying internists and subspecialists who demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential for excellent patient care.

We are…
Of the profession, for the public.
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Topics

- Board Eligibility

- Transition to the ACGME/AOA Single GME Accreditation System

- Program Directors
  - MOC Credit
  - Certification Requirement

- FasTrack & Dates
Board Eligibility

- 7-year period begins upon completion of initial certification requirements or July 1, 2012, whichever is later

Those who completed eligibility requirements prior to 2012

2012 → 2019

2013 → 2020

2014 → 2021
Example: A physician completed residency & CV fellowship prior to 2012

Pass IM in 2018

2012 Internal Medicine → 2019
2018 Cardiovascular Disease → 2025

Example: A physician doesn’t become certified during BE period

Year of ACGME-accredited training

2012 Internal Medicine → 2019 → Retrain → 7 more years
Not Certified?
Beginning in July 2015, residents who begin training in an AOA-accredited program which receives initial ACGME accreditation before graduation, all satisfactorily completed years of training will be accepted.
Graduates of an AOA residency & completed ACGME fellowship

Program Director
MOC Credit & Certification Requirement
Program Director Certification Requirement

- Longstanding policy requires attestation of initial certification eligibility from ABIM certified PDs
- In concordance with ACGME’s transition period, PDs of newly accredited programs who are not yet certified by ABIM have until the end of 2021 to become ABIM certified via Special Consideration
  - Pathway for faculty to become certified offered as well

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International Medical Graduates

Program Directors

Faculty

Fellows

- Completed training abroad
- Program Director appointment
- Assistant Prof appointment
- 3 years faculty
- Proposal letter
- Self-Evaluation requirement
- AOBIM certification
- Completed AOA residency
- FasTrack evaluation for ACGME fellowship
- Pass secure exam
MOC Credit for Program Directors & Faculty

- Recognizes the quality improvement work inherent to GME education
- Annual award: 20 MOC points in practice assessment
- PD attestation on Faculty’s behalf via FasTrack
  - Attestation period runs from July of the current year through March of the following year

MOC Credit for PDs & Faculty: How to Guide

- Look-up 6-digit ABIM IDs at ABIM.org
  - Use the “Check a Physician’s Certification” Function
- Login to FasTrack
- Select MOC for Faculty Link
- Enter ABIM IDs for PD & Faculty
  - First name/Last name will populate on form
  - Delete incorrect entries & recheck ABIM ID before submission
- Submit to ABIM
FasTrack & Important Dates

Score Reports

- As of 2016, Score Report access transitioned to FasTrack

- 2 score reports available:
  - Initial report- Fall/Winter
    - includes pass/fail status
  - Second report- Winter/Spring
    - will be full program report

- Programs notified via email
## PD Ratings of Clinical Competence

### Six ACGME/ABMS Competencies

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### Overall Clinical Competence

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### New Registration Periods for 2018

- **Internal Medicine Exam**
  - December 1 – April 14
  - April 15 – April 28 (late registration)

- **Subspecialty Exam**
  - January 8 – June 14
  - June 15 – June 28 (late registration)

ABIM Source: [http://www.abim.org/certification/exam-information.aspx](http://www.abim.org/certification/exam-information.aspx)
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