The ABR Continuing Certification (MOC) program builds on the validity of the initial certification process and provides a framework for self-regulation by the profession to improve quality of care. The program evaluates, on a continuing basis, the six essential competencies initially developed in residency training:

- Medical knowledge
- Patient care and procedural skills
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Professionalism
- Practice-based learning and improvement
- Systems-based practice
Requirements for Continuing Certification (MOC)

Professionalism and Professional Standing
The physician must hold a license to practice medicine in a jurisdiction in the United States, its territories, or Canada. A diplomate must report any state board action against a license to the ABR within 60 days.

Lifelong Learning
A minimum of 75 AMA Category 1 CME credits is required every three years.

Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skills
This part requires passing the most recent Online Longitudinal Assessment (OLA) performance evaluation or having passed a Continuing Certification Exam in the previous five years.

Improvement in Medical Practice
To satisfy Part 4, diplomates complete at least one Practice Quality Improvement (PQI) Project OR Participatory Quality Improvement Activity every three years. A PQI project or activity may be conducted repeatedly or continuously and may include an individual only, a group of diplomates, or an institutional multidisciplinary collaboration. The ABR honors each diplomate’s privilege to choose PQI activities or projects that are pertinent to their practice.

Continuing Certification (MOC) Participation Guidelines

The ABR’s MOC process, known as “Continuing Certification,” links the ongoing validity of certificates to meeting the requirements of MOC. Since 2012, new ABR certificates no longer have “valid-through” dates; instead, the date of initial certification is noted, accompanied by the statement that “ongoing validity of this certificate is contingent upon meeting the requirements of Maintenance of Certification.”

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