



MOCA[®] INFORMATION SESSION PRESENTATION

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TIME-LIMITED CERTIFICATION

- Diplomate status is based on
 - First, acquiring the knowledge and skills needed
 - Second, maintaining knowledge and skills throughout your career
 - Third, emphasizing quality of practice
- The emphasis is on **Maintenance** of certification, not Recertification

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION IN ANESTHESIOLOGY PROGRAM[®]

MOCA[®]

- Mandatory for those who received their initial certification in 2000 or later
- Certification lasts at most 10 years
- Emphasis on lifelong learning, ongoing evaluation of practice
- Cognitive Examination is a small part of the process

FOUR COMPONENTS OF MOCA®

Part 1: Professional Standing

Part 2: Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LLSA)

Part 3: Cognitive Examination

Part 4: Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement (PPAI)

PART 1: PROFESSIONAL STANDING

- Unrestricted state licensure
- License(s) must be unrestricted in all jurisdictions
- If a license is revoked or restricted, the ABA has responsibility to evaluate
- The ABA will also evaluate licenses that are surrendered in lieu of revocation, suspension or investigation

PART 2: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

- **350** CME Credits in 10 years
 - 200 credits before Cognitive Examination
- **250** CME Credits Must Be Category 1 (ACCME)
- Up to 100 CME credits can be for other CME
 - Self-study
 - Committee participation
 - Teaching

PART 2: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

- **No more than 70 credits of CME** completed in a calendar year, beginning in 2006
- Must have CME credit reported in at least 5 out of 10 years
- Diplomates are encouraged to complete CME in each of 6 general competencies for physicians
 - Medical Knowledge
 - Patient Care
 - Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
 - Professionalism
 - Interpersonal and Communication Skills
 - Systems-Based Practice

PART 2: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

- Diplomates who are enrolled in MOCA[®] after January 1, 2008 are required to complete **20 Category 1 CME credits of Patient Safety**
 - Both the ASA and the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) offer Patient Safety Modules
- Diplomates who are enrolled in MOCA[®] after January 1, 2010, are required to complete the following activities once during their 10-year MOCA[®] cycle:
90 Category 1 CME credits of
 - the ASA's Self-Education and Evaluation (SEE) program and/or the ASA's Anesthesiology Continuing Education (ACE) program
 - or an equivalent ABA-approved evaluative CME program

PART 2: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

- **Not Audited**
 - CME activities reported to ABA electronically by a registered provider (e.g., ASA, NYSSA, ASRA, Mayo)
- **Self- Reported CME Activities are Subject to Audit**
 - At least once during MOCA cycle
 - Diplomates must keep documentation of CME activities reported for at least 3 years for audit

PART 3: COGNITIVE EXAMINATION

- May take Cognitive Examination in years 7 – 10
 - No penalty for taking it early; cycle will not restart until after year 10
- May take up to twice a year
 - Offered in January and July
- Content is based on Clinical Practice
- All 200 questions must be answered

PART 3: COGNITIVE EXAMINATION

- For 2010 and after:
 - 75% “general” content, 25% subspecialty
 - All questions must be answered, there is no deselect option
 - Tests for common knowledge, not fellowship-level based subspecialty content

PART 4: PRACTICE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

- The physician is **practicing** anesthesiology or an anesthesiology subspecialty
- There are **evaluations** of the participant's clinical practice at the local level
- The participant is engaged in practice **improvement** activities

PART 4: PRACTICE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

REQUIREMENTS

- 3 Activities
 - Case Evaluation (4-Step process)
 - Simulation Education Course (at an ASA-endorsed center)
 - Attestation
- During their 10-year MOCA[®] cycle, diplomates must complete the Part 4: PPAI activities as defined in the following chart

Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement Requirements by Year in MOCA Cycle

Year Certified	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2000 - 2003					Attestation				Attestation	
2004 - 2007					Attestation	Case Evaluation or Simulation				
2008 or Later	*Case Evaluation or Simulation					*Case Evaluation or Simulation				
									Attestation	

***Complete both a Case Evaluation and Simulation Course during your 10-year MOCA cycle. One activity must be completed between years 1 to 5, and the second between years 6 to 10.**

- Diplomates certified between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2007, have the option of completing a simulation course in lieu of providing an attestation and references.
- Diplomates certified between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2007 who elect to complete a simulation course in lieu of an attestation must complete a case evaluation in years 6-10.

Additional information is available on the ABA website at www.theABA.org and on each diplomate's ABA portal account.

PART 4: SIMULATION EDUCATION

- A contextual learning opportunity for diplomates to assess and improve their practice in areas such as crisis management
 - Not a pass/fail exam, but an experiential learning opportunity
- Courses available at ASA-endorsed Simulation Centers

A link to the list of simulation centers is available on the Maintenance of Certification page of the ABA website at www.theABA.org.

PART 4: CASE EVALUATION

4-STEP PROCESS

- **Collect** data from individual or group practice
- **Compare** practice data to approved standards or guidelines
- **Develop and Implement** an improvement plan
- **Evaluate** individual or group practice

Examples are available on Maintenance of Certification page of the ABA website at www.theABA.org.

PART 4: ATTESTATIONS

- The ABA solicits references to verify diplomates' clinical activity and participation in practice improvement activities
- Diplomates submit three references via their ABA portal accounts
- The ABA then contacts the references

RECIPROCITY FOR DIPLOMATES

- Diplomates may complete one Part 4 activity through any other ABMS Board and submit it to the ABA to fulfill the Part 4: Case Evaluation requirement
- Documentation of completion of the activity must be submitted with request for Part 4 credit
- Simulation Education Courses and Attestations must be complete as defined by diplomates' specific program requirements

ACCESS TO MOCA®

- Diplomates are automatically enrolled upon:
 - Initial Certification
 - Maintenance of Certification
- All MOCA® information and requirements are available on the MOCA page of the ABA website at www.theABA.org and on diplomates' personal ABA portal accounts

HOW TO ACCESS PERSONAL PORTAL ACCOUNT

www.theABA.org



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Welcome to the ABA's Online Portal!

This site provides unified access to the ABA's online systems. Here, you can learn about ABA activities, apply for examinations, apply for the Maintenance of Certification Program, review and update your personal information, and more.

First time users, [CLICK HERE](#) to set up your ABA account.

Access your personal account

You may log in with your ABA ID, Social Security Number or Email address.

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Locate your record

Enter your ABA ID or your Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy).

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AND

Enter your Last Name or the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

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Find My Record



Identification examples:

- Field 1
Date Of Birth: 10/05/1990
or
ABA ID: 12345678
- Field 2
Social Security Number: 1234
or
Last Name: Smith, smith or SMITH

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Create your new password

Enter your new password

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Re-enter your new password

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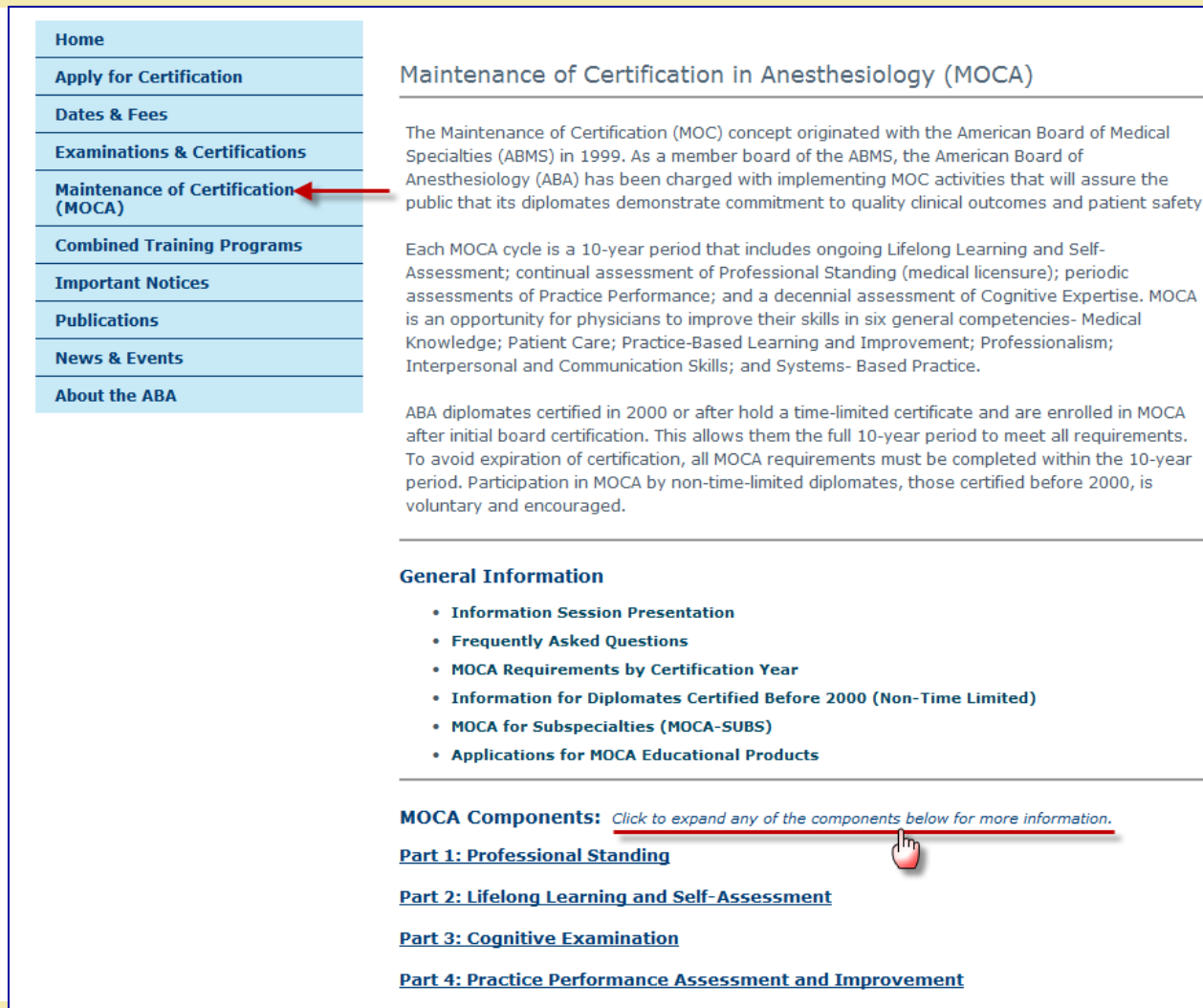
ABA Password Security Requirements

Your privacy is important to the American Board of Anesthesiology. Please create a secure password.

- Password must be at least 7 characters long.
- Must include at least one number.
- Must have at least one upper case letter.
- Must have at least one lower case letter or special character such as (!@#\$%).

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Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology (MOCA)

The Maintenance of Certification (MOC) concept originated with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in 1999. As a member board of the ABMS, the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) has been charged with implementing MOC activities that will assure the public that its diplomates demonstrate commitment to quality clinical outcomes and patient safety.

Each MOCA cycle is a 10-year period that includes ongoing Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment; continual assessment of Professional Standing (medical licensure); periodic assessments of Practice Performance; and a decennial assessment of Cognitive Expertise. MOCA is an opportunity for physicians to improve their skills in six general competencies- Medical Knowledge; Patient Care; Practice-Based Learning and Improvement; Professionalism; Interpersonal and Communication Skills; and Systems- Based Practice.

ABA diplomates certified in 2000 or after hold a time-limited certificate and are enrolled in MOCA after initial board certification. This allows them the full 10-year period to meet all requirements. To avoid expiration of certification, all MOCA requirements must be completed within the 10-year period. Participation in MOCA by non-time-limited diplomates, those certified before 2000, is voluntary and encouraged.

General Information

- [Information Session Presentation](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [MOCA Requirements by Certification Year](#)
- [Information for Diplomates Certified Before 2000 \(Non-Time Limited\)](#)
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MOCA Components: *Click to expand any of the components below for more information.*

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Part 1: Professional Standing

BOI Section 4.02.A

ABA diplomates must hold an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine in at least one jurisdiction of the United States or Canada. Furthermore, all US and Canadian medical licenses that a diplomate holds must be unrestricted.

To fulfill this requirement, diplomates should annually review and update their medical license information via their portal account. **Click here for instructions.** 

Part 2: Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment

BOI Section 4.02.B

ABA diplomates continually seek to improve the quality of their clinical practice and patient care through self-directed professional development. This is done through an assessment of current knowledge and participation in continuing medical education (CME) activities and other learning opportunities.

To fulfill this requirement, diplomates should submit CME activities to the ABA via their portal account. Self-reported CME activities are subject to audit and verification by the ABA within three years of submission. CME activities reported to the ABA by qualified CME providers, such as the ASA, are not subject to audit.

- **How to Report CME Activities** 
- **How to Attest to CME Activities Reported by Registered CME Providers** 
- **ABA Registered CME Providers**
- **How to Become a Registered CME Provider**
- **CME Activity Classifications and Examples of Category 1, Category 2/Other Activities** 

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Part 3: Cognitive Examination

BOI Section 4.02.C

Diplomates must demonstrate their cognitive expertise once every ten years by passing an ABA examination. The examination may be completed only in years 7 through 10 of the MOCA cycle. Diplomates are allowed to take the examination up to twice a year. If the examination is not passed before the end of the 10-year MOCA cycle, the diplomate's certification will expire.

Diplomates may register for the cognitive examination through their online portal account.

- **Examination Dates**
 - **Current Fees**
 - **Examination Tutorial**
 - **Content Outline**
 - **MOCA Keywords**
 - **Pearson VUE Professional Examination Rules**
 - **Pearson VUE Security Procedure (Palm Vein)**
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Part 4: Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement

BOI Section 4.02.D

Diplomates must complete multiple activities over their 10-year MOCA cycle to demonstrate that they are participating in evaluations of their clinical practice and are engaging in practice improvement activities.

To fulfill this requirement, diplomates should submit their activities to the ABA via their portal account.

- **How to Complete an Attestation**
 - **How to Complete a Case Evaluation – Explanation and Samples**
 - **Details on Simulation Education Courses and ASA Endorsed Simulation Centers**
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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- If I was certified before 2000, do I have to participate in MOCA[®]?
- What happens if I don't fulfill all the MOCA[®] requirements in 10 years?
- What about subspecialty certification?

IF I CERTIFIED BEFORE 2000, DO I HAVE TO DO THIS?

- No, participation in MOCA® is voluntary
- Your diplomate status remains intact, whether you participate in or complete MOCA®
- It is possible that your employer or hospital may require it

WHAT IF I DO NOT FULFILL ALL THE REQUIREMENTS IN 10 YEARS?

- At the end of 10 years, if all requirements are not met, ABA certification will expire
- The ABA will move 10-year cycle forward one year
- Any activities completed in original year 1 are removed and must be redone
- All other requirements must also be met
 - Part 1: Professional Standing
 - Part 2: CME Credits
 - Part 3: Cognitive Examination
 - Part 4: Requirements as designated by year certified

WHAT IF I DO NOT FULFILL THE MOCA[®] REQUIREMENTS WITHIN 3 YEARS OF EXPIRATION

- Reestablish qualifications for admission to ABA Examination System
- Apply for primary certification within 3 years of having reestablished qualifications for admission
- Pass Part 1 and Part 2 Examinations under new application

SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION

- The ABA currently offers subspecialty certification in:
 - Critical Care Medicine
 - Pain Medicine
 - Hospice & Palliative Medicine
 - Sleep Medicine
 - Pediatric Anesthesiology
- All subspecialty certificates issued are valid for at most 10 years

SUBSPECIALTY RECERTIFICATION

If your subspecialty certification or recertification expires on...	Your next opportunity to apply for a recertification examination is...	The final date you may apply for recertification is...
December 31, 2013	Apply by December 22, 2012 for the 2013 Examination	December 22, 2015
December 31, 2014	Apply by December 22, 2012 for the 2013 Examination	December 22, 2015
December 31, 2015	Apply by December 22, 2012 for the 2013 Examination	December 22, 2015
December 31, 2016	Apply by December 22, 2012 for the 2013 Examination	December 22, 2015
December 31, 2017	Apply by December 22, 2013 for the 2014 Examination	December 22, 2015
December 31, 2018	Apply by December 22, 2014 for the 2015 Examination	December 22, 2015
December 31, 2019	Apply by December 22, 2015 for the 2016 Examination	December 22, 2015

MAINTAINING SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION (MOCA-SUBS)

- Last opportunity to apply for subspecialty recertification is December 22, 2015
- Transition from recertification to MOCA-SUBS began in 2010
- The MOCA-SUBS program is the only option for ABA Diplomates certified or recertified after January 1, 2010
- First MOCA-SUBS Examinations will be given in 2017

MOCA[®] IS A WORK IN PROGRESS

- MOC is an evolving concept
- ABMS changes requirements as MOC evolves
- The ABA has to change MOCA[®] programs to comply with ABMS requirements

**For more information on MOCA[®], please contact
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