

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology (MOCA)



TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Certification by the American Board of Anesthesiology
- Maintenance of Certification – Anesthesiology
- Maintenance of Certification – Anesthesiology Subspecialties

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 (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 small part of the process

FOUR COMPONENTS OF MOCA

1. Professional Standing
2. Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment
3. Cognitive Examination
4. Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement

PART I – PROFESSIONAL STANDING

- Unrestricted state licensure
- License(s) must be unrestricted in all jurisdictions
- If a license is revoked or restricted, ABA has responsibility to evaluate
- Potential consequences of surrendering a license in lieu of revocation, suspension or investigation.

PART II - LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

- 350 Credits in 10 years
 - 200 credits before cognitive examination
- 250 Credits Must Be Category I (ACCME)
- Up to 100 credits can be for other CME
 - Self-study
 - Committee participation
 - Teaching
- No more than 70 credits for CME completed in a calendar year, beginning with 2006
- Must have CME credit at least 5 out of 10 years

PART II - LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

- Diplomates who enter MOCA after January 1, 2010, are required to complete the following once during their 10-year MOCA cycle:
 - 90 Category 1 credits of either the American Society of Anesthesiologists' (ASA) Self-Education and Evaluation (SEE) program, the ASA's Anesthesiology Continuing Education (ACE) program, or a combination of both programs.
- AND
- 20 Category 1 credits of Patient Safety CME
 - Both the ASA and the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) offer Patient Safety Modules

PART II - LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

- **Not Audited** – CME reported to ABA electronically by a registered provider (e.g., ASA, NYSSA, ASRA, Mayo)
- **Subject to AUDIT** – self reported CME
 - At least once during MOCA cycle
 - Documentation of CME reported within 3 years of audit

PART III - COGNITIVE EXAM

- For MOCA requirement, take in years 7 - 10
- May take up to twice a year
 - January and July
- Content is based on Clinical Practice
- All 200 questions must be answered.
- Designed to test “Walking Around” Knowledge
- i.e., less basic science, more clinically oriented than ABA Part 1 (written) exam

Cognitive Exam Content

- Through December, 2009
 - 50% “general” content, 50% subspecialty content (CT, Neuro, Peds, CC, Pain, Ob)
 - Can deselect up to 50 questions
- For 2010 and beyond
 - 75% “general” content, 25% subspecialty, no deselect option
 - Subspecialty content watched more closely for absence of fellowship-level content

PART IV - PRACTICE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT (PPAI)

- 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
- The mechanism has changed to include specific requirements

PART IV REQUIREMENTS

PRACTICE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT (PPAI)

- **2 Activities**
 - Case Evaluation (4-Step process)
 - Simulation Training (at an ASA-endorsed center)
- **MOCA** candidates have to complete **at least 1 activity every 5 years** and **both activities during the 10-year MOCA cycle.**

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
- **Reassess** individual or group practice

ACCESS to MOCA SYSTEM

- Automatically enrolled upon:
 - Initial Certification
 - Maintenance of Certification
- All other functions are web-based at www.theABA.org
- Information is entered as soon as certified
- Personal portal page

HOW TO ACCESS PERSONAL PORTAL PAGE FROM ABA WEBSITE



The screenshot displays the homepage of the American Board of Anesthesiology. At the top left is the ABA logo, a circular emblem with 'THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ANESTHESIOLOGY' and 'AMABS' in the center. To its right is the text 'The American Board of Anesthesiology'. A large background image shows a surgeon in an operating room. A red arrow points from the text to a 'Physician Login' button in the top right corner. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with 'Apply for Certification' and 'Contact Us' links. On the left is a vertical menu with the following items: Home, Apply for Certification (highlighted with a red arrow), Dates & Fees, Examinations & Certifications, Maintenance of Certification (MOCA), Combined Training Programs, Important Notices, Publications, About the ABA, and Verify a Physician's Certification. Below the menu is a form for 'Verify a Physician's Certification' with a 'First Name' input field. The main content area contains two paragraphs of text and four image-based navigation buttons: 'Physicians >', 'Training Programs >', 'Organizations >', and 'Consumers >'.

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The American Board of Anesthesiology examines and certifies physicians who complete an accredited program of anesthesiology training in the United States and voluntarily apply to the Board for certification or maintenance of certification.

Our mission is to maintain the highest standards of the practice of anesthesiology and to serve the public medical profession and health care facilities and organizations.

Physicians > **Training Programs >** **Organizations >** **Consumers >**

HOW TO ACCESS MOCA FAQs & LLSA SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE ABA WEBSITE



The screenshot shows the website for The American Board of Anesthesiology. The header features the organization's logo and name, along with a background image of surgeons in an operating room. A navigation menu on the left lists various options, with red arrows pointing to 'Maintenance of Certification (MOCA)'. The main content area is titled '2010 MOCA Updates' and includes sections for 'General Information' and 'Part I: Professional Standing'. Under 'General Information', there is a list of links, with a red arrow pointing to 'Frequently Asked Questions (Updated)'. Under 'Part II: Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LLSA)', there is a list of links, with a red arrow pointing to 'How to Submit LLSA (CME) Activities'.

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2010 MOCA Updates

General Information

- MOCA Components
- Information Session Presentation
- MOCA Requirements by Certification Year
- Frequently Asked Questions (Updated)

Part I: Professional Standing

- How to Update your Medical License

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

- How to Submit LLSA (CME) Activities
- Registered CME Providers

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- If I certified before 2000, do I have to do this?
- What happens if I don't fulfill all the requirements in 10 years?
- What about subcertification?

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

- No, participation in Recertification and 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 DON'T FULFILL ALL THE REQUIREMENTS IN 10 YEARS?

- At the end of 10 years, if all requirements are not met, no longer ABA certified
- Can regain certification by finishing all requirements in previous contiguous 10 years
 - 350 CME Credits
 - 2 Part IV Requirements
 - Cognitive exam

WHAT ABOUT SUBCERTIFICATION?

- Currently, Pain, Critical Care and Hospice & Palliative Medicine are time-limited certificates (10 years)
- Currently, recertification is only option. The transition from recertification to MOCA-SUBS begins in 2010.
- Can maintain subspecialty certification even if anesthesiology certification expires
- Can maintain both subspecialty and anesthesiology certification, if desired, using the SAME CME, Patient Safety CME, Part IV case evaluation and simulation-based training.
- Will require separate exams to maintain each certificate.

MOCA – SUBS APPROVAL PROCESS

- ABA has to apply to ABMS
- ABMS review and approval process
 - COCERT – Committee on Certification, Subcertification and Recertification
 - ABMS Board of Directors
 - ABMS Assembly

MOCA

A WORK IN PROGRESS

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

QUESTIONS?

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