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Message from the Executive Director *Simplifying MOC*

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The ABNM is working to make MOC simpler, more efficient, and more valuable for diplomates. We recognize that busy diplomates need a process that is easy to understand and doesn't take a lot of time, so the ABNM has redesigned the My Profile page of the ABNM website. Diplomates only need to log onto their profile once a year to update their information, which should only take a few minutes. The first step is to click Edit Contact Info if your contact information has changed. Enter your new primary work address and home address, phone number, and email address. The next step is to pay your annual MOC dues by clicking Invoices. The annual dues are currently \$400. You may also pay past due amounts without interest penalty. Credit card payments are accepted. Click on Edit MOC Setting if you plan to start or stop participating in MOC. You can also choose whether or not to receive frequent email reminders.

Part 1 – Professional Status. Your professional status must be updated annually. If all of the information is current, you only need to click SAVE at the bottom. Otherwise, you must state whether or not you are an Authorized User of radioactive materials, update your medical license information (state or jurisdiction, number, and expiration date), and answer a few questions about your type of practice.

Part 2 – Life Long Learning and Self-Assessment. Twenty-five hours of AMA Category 1 CME credit are required on average each year over five years. Of those credits, 17.5 hours should be related to Nuclear Medicine, and 8 hours should include self-assessment. New this year is an option that allows you to click a button attesting that you have met the requirements. The ABNM will audit a small percent of diplomates each year, so be sure to save your information. If you have registered with the CMEgateway (<https://www.cmegateway.org>) your credits earned from many Nuclear Medicine and Radiology organizations (such as the SNMMI, RSNA, ACR, ARRS, and AAPM) will be automatically downloaded to your profile. A significant advantages to using CMEgateway is that your CME credits are not subject to audit since they have already been verified.

Part 3 – Cognitive Expertise. The ABNM is launching a pilot program called CertLink™ in January 2018, which is being offered as an alternative to the MOC examination for diplomates whose certificates expire in 2018-2021. Diplomates will receive 9 new multiple-choice questions plus up to four repeat questions each quarter. It is hoped that diplomates will find CertLink a convenient and valuable method to maintain and update their knowledge. More information is available at <https://www.abnm.org/index.php/certlinktm/>.

Diplomates who do not want to participate in CertLink may opt to take the MOC exam before their current certificate expires. The MOC exam has approximately 120 multiple-choice questions, and is taken at PearsonVue testing centers over 3.5 hours. The pass rate has historically been about 97%. The ABNM expects diplomates who have kept up with CME will pass the examination without having to specifically study for it, but provides links to approximately 50 key articles for diplomates who want to enhance their knowledge in specific topic areas. Approximately one-third of the

content for the MOC exam is based on the key articles, which can be accessed at https://abnm_wordpress_uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/ABNM_Study_Guide_Key_Articles.pdf.

Part 4 – Improvement in Medical Practice. The ABNM recognizes that many diplomates are engaged in quality improvement activities as part of their routine practice. The ABNM recognizes 16 activities that meet the annual requirement, such as participation in a peer-review process. The list is available at https://abnm_wordpress_uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016-1_MOC_Committee.pdf. New this year is an option that allows you to click a button attesting that you have met the requirements. The ABNM will audit a small percent of diplomates each year, so it is important to keep records. The ABNM is also pleased to announce the first annual practice survey as another method to satisfy the requirement. The first survey concerns lung scans for pulmonary embolism, and is available at <https://goo.gl/forms/vLBoUlf2l92B68Sb2>. The survey has six practice-based questions that are answered on the basis of the past 10 lung scans performed in your practice. The survey may be completed as an individual or a group. The brief survey is based on the SNMMI procedure standard for lung scintigraphy. Diplomates who complete the survey will receive a summary of the answers submitted by other participants so that they can compare their practice to others. Another advantage to completing the survey is that diplomates do not have save records for an audit.

Please log on to [My Profile](#) and update your information if you have not already done so this year. The ABNM hopes that you will find it easier and faster to update your information as a result of the changes that have been made this year.