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Patient Experience Of Care Survey For MOC Part IV



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Physicians participating in Maintenance of Certification should have started work on Part IV: Practice Performance Assessment (PPA). ABNM started documenting participation in Part IV in 2011. The ABNM website provides information on timeline and process (www.abnm.org/docs/PPA_Project_timeline.PDF).

During the first year after certification, physicians need to attest that they have learned about PPA. For subsequent years, physicians may do their own PPA project, do a project developed by SNMMI that has been approved by ABNM, or do any project approved by another ABMS member board. One PPA activity (select and measure, analyze and improve, re-measure and analyze) should be completed each year. An entire PPA project should be completed in three years.

The ABNM website provides instructions on how to design your own PPA, and has links to three projects developed by SNMMI on myocardial perfusion imaging, PET/CT, and pediatric administered dose guidelines. [Click here](#) for more information.

The newest PPA is a Patient Experience of Care (PEC) survey. The project is designed to improve patients' satisfaction with their Nuclear Medicine appointment. Physicians may choose one of two suggested surveys, or develop their own survey. An annual PEC survey may also be used to qualify for a 0.5% incentive payment

from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for participation in the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS). A link to the PEC survey will be available on the ABNM website by November 1.