

## Updates on MOC

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The ABNM continues to define efficient pathways and processes for diplomates to meet the ABMS requirements for MOC. In particular, a significant number of our diplomates are certified by more than one ABMS board. This raises issues surrounding the maintenance of multiple certifications. Clearly, complete duplication of all MOC requirements for multiple certificates would be unduly burdensome.

In the spirit of the MOC concept, ABNM will accept credits for many diplomate activities sponsored or approved by other ABMS boards. Specifically, MOC Part 2 activities, CME (including SAM modules) that are accredited by another ABMS board will count towards ABNM requirements. Part 2 activities sponsored by national radiology organizations (RSNA, ACR, ARRS, SIR, ASNR, SPR) and the SNM can be automatically imported into your ABNM MyMOC profile if you are registered at the CME gateway ([www.cmegateway.org](http://www.cmegateway.org)). CME activities from other organizations can be manually entered; however, the diplomate will need to specify the sponsoring/accrediting organization in addition to the activity description. ABNM expects that diplomates will obtain a significant portion of their CME in Nuclear Medicine and closely-related areas; however, nearly all Category 1 CME can be counted towards the nuclear medicine specific Part 2 requirement since nearly all CME activities are in some way related to nuclear medicine. Some diplomates have found it difficult to meet the self-assessment (SAM) requirement of Part 2. Again, SAM activity that is accredited by any ABMS board will meet the ABNM's SAM requirements. There are several on-line sources of SAM modules, including SNM, ACR, RSNA and other medical societies and organizations. Beginning in 2012, the Journal of Nuclear Medicine will initiate Category 1 SAM credit in association with designated CE/review articles.

In addition, ABNM will accept a wide range of MOC Part 4 activities. Diplomates should now be familiar with the concept of Part 4, consisting of Practice Performance Assessment Projects. Projects are intended to assess and improve aspects of an individual physician's practice, but need not focus only on medical knowledge/skills-related issues. Projects involving patient scheduling, report generation, medical systems integration and interface and others are potentially appropriate Part 4 projects. The ABNM will accept any Part 4 activity that is approved by another ABMS board as appropriate to a diplomate's MOC program as long as it involves assessment of their own practice performance. Guidelines for valid Part 4 projects can be found at [http://www.abnm.org/docs/Guidelines\\_for\\_PPA\\_Projects.pdf](http://www.abnm.org/docs/Guidelines_for_PPA_Projects.pdf)

Answers to frequent questions about ABNM MOC activities can be found on the ABNM website at [http://www.abnm.org/MOC\\_FAQ\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.abnm.org/MOC_FAQ_Brochure.pdf)



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