

-MOC Survey 2015-

Thank you for your time and feedback on Maintenance of Certification and Recertification requirements. This is a follow-up to our 2014 survey.

1. To begin...

What is your local ACC State Chapter? (Answer required)
<Select State from Drop Down List(incl. Puerto Rico)>

2. How long have you been practicing cardiovascular medicine?

- In training
- 1-7 years
- 8 – 14 years
- 15 – 21 years
- 22 – 28 years
- 29 or more years
- Not in practice
- Not sure

3. Are you aware of the changes that American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) made to its Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program as of 2015?

- Yes
- No

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In February 2015, the ABIM made an announcement that it will be making immediate changes to the MOC program. In their statement, ABIM admitted that the organization launched programs that were not ready, that the MOC program was not presented in a meaningful way to physicians, and that ABIM is looking to make improvements to the program to meet the needs of physicians. The changes included suspending Practice Assessment (Part IV), Patient Voice and Patient Safety for at least 2 years and changing "Meeting MOC Requirements" to "Participating in MOC". Current requirements include:

- Obtain 100 points every 5 years (Part II, III and IV).

- You may continue to participate in Part IV to earn MOC points but are not required to do so. Additionally, any Part IV activities that you have recently completed or would like to participate in, will still count for MOC points.

-Secure exam is still scheduled for every 10 years, but is being reviewed.

-Some MOC Part II activities are required every 2 years

4. How familiar are you with all of the recent changes that the ABIM has made to its certification / recertification process?

1 – Not at all familiar ↔ 5 – Extremely familiar

Not sure

Not applicable

5. Do you favor or oppose the new 2015 ABIM MOC requirements?

1 – Strongly oppose \leftrightarrow 5 – Strongly favor Not sure Not applicable

6. Have these recent MOC requirements affected your planning for the future, specifically thoughts of retirement, part-time practice or transitioning out of the practice of cardiovascular medicine?

- No, this has not affected my future plans
- Yes, plan to retire earlier, please specify age: _____
- Yes, plan to retire later, please specify age: _____
- Yes, plan to work part time, please specify age: _____
- Yes, plan to transition out of practice, please specify age: _____
- Other, please specify _____
- Not sure
- Not applicable

7. If you were tasked with revising the MOC process for cardiologists, which of the following would you recommend? Please select all that apply.

- Revert to the pre-2014 certification process and requirements
- Keep the revised current 2015 MOC Requirements in place / No need to revise
- Keep Part 2 (knowledge based questions) and get rid of Part 3 (the recertification secure exam)
- Keep Part 2 (knowledge based questions) and get rid of the patient satisfaction and PIMs-Practiceimprovement modules (Part 4)
- Keep Part 3 (the recertification secure exam) and get rid of Part 2 (knowledge based questions)
- Get rid of Part 4 (PIMs-Practice improvement modules)
- Dual track: either Part 3 (the recertification secure exam) OR the Part 2 (knowledge based questions)
- Remove MOC as a requirement for practicing cardiologists and complete secure exam once
- Have ACC assume certification responsibilities from ABIM
- Other, please specify _____
- Not sure
- Not applicable

8. Recognizing that the ABIM is a completely separate and independent entity from the ACC, how could the ACC best serve its members regarding the MOC requirement changes from ABIM? Please select all that apply.

- Work with ABIM to continue to revise the MOC requirements
- Explore having ACC assume re-certification process from ABIM (following the initial certifying exam)
- Develop personalized materials for each cardiologist detailing their status regarding MOC requirements
- Develop more Part 2 (knowledge based questions) materials
- Develop more materials focused on procedural assistance and guidance through the entire MOC process
- Develop more Part 4 (PIMS- practice improvement modules) materials
- Develop patient survey modules
- Other, specify _____
- Nothing
- Not sure
- Not applicable

9. How did we do? How do you think the ACC Leadership performed in working with ABIM to make meaningful changes to the MOC process

Using the following scale:

1 – Extremely poor \leftrightarrow 5 – Extremely well 6 – Not sure 7 – Not aware Not applicable

And lastly, please provide any final comments that you would like ACC leadership to know concerning the 2015 ABIM revised requirements concerning Maintenance of Certification.
