

What is Maintenance of Certification (MOC)?

“Participation in MOC means that a physician is demonstrating that s/he participates in certain continuous learning and education activities. Participating ABIM Board Certified physicians regularly (at least every two years) complete approved MOC activities using a structured framework created by their peers for keeping up with and assessing knowledge of the latest scientific developments and changes in practice and in specialty areas.” (abim.org)

What are the current ABIM MOC requirements?

- **Part I** Licensure and Professional Standing: Possess a valid, unrestricted license
- **Part II** Lifelong Learning and Self Assessment:
 - **Every 2 years:** Complete at least one MOC activity (any number of points)
 - **Every 5 years:** Earn 100 points, 20 of which must be Medical Knowledge
 - Points earned every 2 years count toward the 5-year requirement
 - Points can include Practice Assessment, Patient Voice or Patient Survey activities, but these are not required
- **Part III** Cognitive Expertise: Pass a certification exam **every 10 years** in each specialty certification you wish to maintain
 - You are not required to maintain Internal Medicine certification to remain certified in Gastroenterology or Transplant Hepatology, or to maintain Gastroenterology certification to remain certified in Transplant Hepatology
- **Part IV** Practice Performance Improvement: This requirement is currently suspended through at least 12/31/2018
- **Knowledge Check-In:** ABIM recently announced an alternative pathway called the “Knowledge Check-In” that will allow diplomates to take shorter assessments at their home or office every 2 years instead of the “long-form” exam every 10 years
 - This option will be available only for Internal Medicine and Nephrology in 2018
 - It will be available for Gastroenterology in 2019 and for Transplant Hepatology in 2020

How do I earn points in Medical Knowledge?

- **From ABIM:**
 - Visit abim.org for a list of available MOC activities included in your annual MOC fee
 - ABIM is phasing out the annual Medical Knowledge Modules after 2018. The current *Update in Transplant Hepatology* and *Update in Gastroenterology* are available through June 2018. These are modules of 30 multiple-choice, open-book questions for 10 points each.
 - MOC activities can be in any specialty, not necessarily the certification you wish to maintain
- **From AASLD:**
 - Visit LiverLearning (liverlearning.aasld.org) to access MOC activities and earn points including MOC activities available at The Liver Meeting® 2017

MOC ACTIVITIES AT THE LIVER MEETING® 2017

Session	Date/Time	Maximum ABIM MOC points
Academic Debates	Friday, October 20, 5:15-7 PM	1.75
Liver Transplantation and Surgery SIG Program: Advances in Hepatocellular Carcinoma Therapy	Saturday, October 21, 8 AM-12 PM	3.75
Postgraduate Course: 21st Century Hepatology: Translating Discoveries into Practice	Saturday, October 21, 8 AM-5:15 PM	6.75 (7 ABP MOC points)
Basic Science Symposium: Nuclear Receptors and Liver	Saturday, October 21, 8 AM-5 PM	7.5 (7 ABP MOC points)
Thomas E. Starzl Transplant Surgery State-of-the-Art Lecture: Equity in Access to Organ Allocation	Sunday, October 22, 9:30 AM-10 AM	0.5
Value-Based Medicine in Hepatology: The Business Case for Value-Based Case	Sunday, October 22, 1 PM-3 PM	2
Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Update	Sunday, October 22, 1:15-2:45 PM	1.5
General Hepatology Update	Sunday, October 22, 3 PM-4:30 PM	1.5
Advances for Practitioners: Cholestatic and Autoimmune Liver Disease	Monday, October 23. 11 AM-12:30 PM	1.5
Leon Schiff State-of-the-Art Lecture: Acute on Chronic Liver Failure	Tuesday, October 24, 10:30-11 AM	0.5

- **Credit for taking a certification exam:** Earn 20 MOC points per specialty for first attempt, regardless of whether you pass
- **If you have multiple certifications:** MOC points earned count toward all your certifications

How much does this cost?

- ABIM recently changed their fee schedule to include an annual MOC program fee and an assessment fee
- The assessment fee can be paid once every 10 years for the traditional 10-year exam or every 2 years for the Knowledge Check-Ins
- The cost for taking one traditional MOC exam and 5 Knowledge Check-Ins is the same over 10 years
- Annual MOC program fee: \$124 if paid before the year it is due
- Assessment fee for Internal Medicine: \$650 every 10 years or \$130 every 2 years
- Assessment fee for a single subspecialty: \$1200 every 10 years or \$240 every 2 years

What do I need to do now?

- Login to abim.org and choose the Maintaining Certification (MOC) tab to enroll in MOC
- Once enrolled, view your MOC status report: This will tell you your certification status and exactly what you need to do and when for each of your certifications
- Current fellows must enroll in MOC to be certified

Where can I find out more information?

- www.aasld.org/moc
- liverlearning.aasld.org
- abim.org

