What is Maintenance of Certification?

- Maintenance of Certification
  Maintenance of Certification means a physician continues to meet the requirements of their medical specialty Board(s) for ongoing learning and assessment. A doctor participating in MOC shows commitment to lifelong learning and ongoing self-evaluation, and is engage in measuring and improving their practice.

Portfolio Sponsor

American Board of Pediatrics

Connecticut Children’s is a Portfolio Sponsor for the American Board of Pediatrics. Connecticut Children’s has the authority to approve quality improvement (QI) projects and submit the names of participants to the ABP for MOC Part 4 credit. To see a list of ABP Pediatric Portfolio Sponsors click HERE (login required)

Get MOC credit
for the QI work
you are
already doing!

Proud to be an ABP Pediatric Portfolio Sponsor!

American Board of Medical Specialty

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What are Sponsor Organizations?

Sponsor organizations are permanent, identifiable entities external to the ABP & ABMS. Activities developed by such organizations are approved through a formal review process.

These organizations include: Hospitals, Healthcare organizations, State or nationwide networks and collaboratives, National professional societies, and Corporations.
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GUIDE - MOC Part 4

Four Part MOC Process

Part 1
License

Valid, unrestricted medical license

Part 2
Lifelong Learning & Self-Assessment

Designed to help pediatricians assess and enhance the clinical knowledge and skills important to their individual practices, using activities developed by the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) and other organizations

Part 3
Cognitive Expertise

Specialty specific exam

Part 4
Quality Improvement

Designed to help you assess and improve the quality of patient care and processes that will lead to improved child health

- All approved quality improvement projects are assigned 25 MOC Points
- All projects are eligible for CME & MOC Part 2 Credit also
Application Process - Committee Review

1. Project Director completes & submits:
   1. Project Leader Attestation
   2. Project Application & Abstract

   1. Notified by email from Office of CME with board’s decision

   2. Project is shared & reviewed by QI Committee for Approval

   a. Approved
   - Submits for approval via MOCAM for corresponding boards
   - ABP will send approval email
   - CME Office will send approval email to PD

   b. Denied
   - Missing information not supplied
   - Project does not demonstrate improvement of quality of patient care and processes that will lead to improved child health
   - ** Committee Rationale will be provided

   c. Application is submitted to corresponding board (ABP/ABMS) for review
   - Timeline is 2 weeks from date submitted

   • Notified by email from Office of CME with board’s decision
Roles as a Project Director

- **Results** Charts and other analytic reports based on project measures demonstrate the project’s performance and progress toward improvement. There should be aggregate progress reports for the QI project overall, as well as specific feedback to participants (individual physicians or sites, as appropriate) at least monthly. You must be able to provide a description how data will drive improvement. The ABP requires a minimum of baseline and two follow up cycles.

- **Methods** Documentation of project design and methods demonstrates adherence to the ABP standards for QI projects for MOC.

- **Participation**: MOC credit rests upon physician attestation of meaningful participation, co-signed by project leadership. This means that the project must track who is participating, their dates of participation, and their role with respect to the ABP definition of meaningful participation.

- **Leadership**: For QI projects structured around Local Leaders, the project must maintain documentation on each participating organization and the Local Leaders who will attest to individual physician participation.

- **Document Retention**: The above documentation must be retained for seven years after the project’s completion or until all participants seeking MOC credit have completed attestations.

Role as a participant

Physician Meaningful Participation is defined by the ABP as involving both an active role in the project, and participation over an appropriate time period. The ABP approves QI projects in which pediatricians are active participants in implementing change.

- **Active Role**: for MOC purposes, means the pediatrician must:
  
  - Be intellectually engaged in planning and executing the project.
  - Participate in implementing the project's interventions (the changes designed to improve care).
  - Review data in keeping with the project's measurement plan.
  - Collaborate actively by attending team meetings, whether in person or virtually.

- **Length of Participation**: The ABP looks to the QI project leadership to set requirements for length of participation (minimum duration of participation) based on the nature and needs of the project. Most MOC approved projects to date have required 6 – 12 months of participation.

- **MOC Activity Completion**: When a pediatrician has fulfilled the requirements for meaningful participation, the pediatrician has "completed" the activity for purposes of MOC credit (MOC activity completion). Note that the pediatrician’s MOC activity completion date must be within the cycle of the pediatrician's current certificate or MOC cycle.
OTHER FAQ’s

Can I bank my MOC 4 Credit as a Fellow or Resident?

You can receive credit by:

1. Leading or participating in an ABP-approved institutional QI project
2. Participating in online ABP Performance Improvement Modules (PIMs)
3. Other approved online modules (such as AAP EQIPP)
4. You can even submit your own projects for ABP approval

- Able to apply for MOC requirements once certified
- You register for your ABP Portfolio any time after November of your R1/PGY1 year.
- As part of the MOC for Residents/Fellows program, you will have full access to all ABP-developed activities, including Self-Assessment (Part 2) and Part 4 activities. However, residents and noncertified fellows can only earn bankable credit for Part 4 activities.