



# ABMS Portfolio Program: Requirements and Credit Translation for Continuing Certification

This table identifies the ABMS Member Boards' and the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants' (NCCPA) requirements for meeting continuing certification (MOC) through the ABMS Portfolio Program™. Evidence of participation must be submitted according to the ABMS Portfolio Program meaningful participation requirements. ABMS Portfolio Program Sponsors review and approve team-based internal QI/PI and patient safety activities according to the requirements established by the ABMS Portfolio Program. Email questions to PortfolioProgram@abms.org.

Certifying Body	General Improvement in Medical Practice Requirements	What do diplomates receive for documented participation in an ABMS Portfolio Program project?	Does completion of a project through the ABMS Portfolio Program completely fulfill the IMP/Part IV requirement?	Do QI/PI leaders receive additional credit? If so, how much?	Can resident QI/PS work be submitted through the ABMS Portfolio Program?	How do diplomates know completion data has been received and recorded?	Link to IMP/Part IV info
<b>ABMS Member Boards</b>							
Anesthesiology (ABA)	25 Points of Practice Assessment/QI Activities every <b>FIVE</b> years	-- Traditional <b>MCOA</b> : <b>ONE</b> Part IV Case Evaluation -- <b>MCOA 2.0</b> : 20 points for standard participation, 25 for leaders	-- Standard participation (20 points) does not -- QI Leader (25 points) does	Yes, 5 additional points	No	Credit is reflected in their ABA Portal	<a href="https://www.theaba.org/about%20moca%202.0.html#q%20section">https://www.theaba.org/about%20moca%202.0.html#q%20section</a>
Dermatology (ABD)	<b>ONE</b> Practice Assessment/QI Activity every <b>FIVE</b> years	<b>ONE</b> Practice Assessment/QI Activity	Yes	No	No	Diplomates self-attest and credit is reflected in their MOC table	<a href="https://www.abderm.org/diplomates/fulfilling-moc-requirements/moc-requirements.aspx#PI">https://www.abderm.org/diplomates/fulfilling-moc-requirements/moc-requirements.aspx#PI</a>
Emergency Medicine (ABEM)	<b>ONE</b> Practice Improvement (PI) Activity every <b>FIVE</b> years	<b>ONE</b> PI Activity	Yes	No	No	Credit is reflected in their ABEM account	<a href="https://www.abem.org/public/stay-certified/improvement-in-medical-practice-(imp)">https://www.abem.org/public/stay-certified/improvement-in-medical-practice-(imp)</a>
Family Medicine (ABFM)	<b>ONE</b> Improvement in Medical Practice Module every <b>THREE</b> years	<b>ONE</b> Improvement in Medical Practice Module	Yes	No	Yes - PI credit is applied to resident portfolio	Credit is reflected in their ABFM Portfolio	<a href="https://www.theabfm.org/continue-certification/performance-improvement">https://www.theabfm.org/continue-certification/performance-improvement</a>
Internal Medicine (ABIM)	Optional; Incentive for participation in approved activities	30 Practice Assessment Points	No - ABIM does not require IMP but recognizes and rewards activities in this area	No	No	ABIM emails the diplomate upon updating their online portal	<a href="https://www.abim.org/maintenance-of-certification/earning-points/qi-pi-activities/xa01686.aspx">https://www.abim.org/maintenance-of-certification/earning-points/qi-pi-activities/xa01686.aspx</a>
Medical Genetics and Genomics (AGMGG)	<b>ONE</b> Improvement in Medical Practice Module every <b>THREE</b> years	<b>ONE</b> Improvement in Medical Practice Module	Yes	No	No	Credit is reflected in their ABMGG Portal	<a href="http://www.abmgg.org/moc/part4.shtml">http://www.abmgg.org/moc/part4.shtml</a>
Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG)	Yearly participation in an Improvement in Medical Practice Activity	<b>ONE</b> Improvement in Medical Practice Activity	Yes	No	No	Credit is reflected in their ABOG Portal	<a href="https://www.abog.org/maintenance-of-certification/moc---four-parts/improvement-in-medical-practice">https://www.abog.org/maintenance-of-certification/moc---four-parts/improvement-in-medical-practice</a>
Ophthalmology (ABOp)	Completion of the first improvement activity by year 5 and the second activity by year 8 is recommended, but not required. Both activities are required by end of year 10	<b>ONE</b> Practice Improvement Activity	Completion of a project through the Portfolio Project satisfies one of two IMP/Part IV requirements for Ophthalmology	No	No	ABOp emails the diplomate and reflects credit online	<a href="https://abop.org/maintain-certification/improvement-in-medical-practice/">https://abop.org/maintain-certification/improvement-in-medical-practice/</a>
Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery (ABOHNS)	Under development	<b>ONE</b> Performance Improvement Module	Yes	No	No	ABOHNS emails the diplomate and reflects credit online	<a href="https://www.aboto.org/part4.html">https://www.aboto.org/part4.html</a>
Pathology (ABPath)	Yearly: Evidence of 1) Laboratory Accreditation, 2) Laboratory Quality Assurance, and 3) <b>ONE</b> Practice Assessment/QI Activity	<b>ONE</b> Practice Assessment/QI Activity	Yes	No	No	ABPath emails the diplomate and reflects credit online	<a href="https://www.abpath.org/index.php/continuing-certification/cc-reporting/improvement-in-medical-practice">https://www.abpath.org/index.php/continuing-certification/cc-reporting/improvement-in-medical-practice</a>
Pediatrics (ABP)	Obtaining a minimum of 40 Improvement in Medical Practice points every <b>FIVE</b> years	25 Improvement in Medical Practice Points	No - ABP requires 40 points	No	Yes - QI points will be applied towards first MOC cycle	ABP emails the diplomate and reflects credit in their online portfolio	<a href="https://www.abp.org/content/quality-improvement-part-4">https://www.abp.org/content/quality-improvement-part-4</a>
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ABPMR)	<b>ONE</b> Practice Assessment/QI Activity every <b>FIVE</b> years	<b>ONE</b> Practice Assessment/QI Activity	Yes	No	Yes - QI points will be applied towards first MOC cycle	Credit is reflected in their ABPMR profile	<a href="#">ABPMR - Self-Directed QI</a>
Preventive Medicine (ABPM)	<b>ONE</b> IMP Activity every <b>FIVE</b> years ( <b>TWO</b> per 10-year cycle); Clinical Informatics diplomates must complete <b>THREE</b> per 10-year cycle	<b>ONE</b> IMP Activity	No - ABPM requires <b>TWO</b> QI projects per cycle; <b>ONE</b> can be through the Portfolio Program	No	No	Credit is reflected in their ABPM account	<a href="https://www.theabpm.org/maintain-certification/moc-part-4-options/">https://www.theabpm.org/maintain-certification/moc-part-4-options/</a>
Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN)	<b>ONE</b> Practice Assessment/QI Activity every <b>THREE</b> years	<b>ONE</b> Practice Assessment/QI Activity	Yes	No	No	Credit is reflected in their ABPN profile	<a href="https://www.abpn.com/maintain-certification/moc-activity-requirements/improvement-in-medical-practice-pi/">https://www.abpn.com/maintain-certification/moc-activity-requirements/improvement-in-medical-practice-pi/</a>
Radiology (ABR)	<b>ONE</b> Practice Quality Improvement (PQI) Project or Participatory Activity every <b>THREE</b> years	<b>ONE</b> PQI project	Yes	No	No	Diplomates self-attest and credit is reflected in their MOC table	Radiation Oncology - <a href="https://www.theabr.org/radiation-oncology/maintenance-of-certification/medical-practice-improvement">https://www.theabr.org/radiation-oncology/maintenance-of-certification/medical-practice-improvement</a> Interventional Radiology - <a href="https://www.theabr.org/radiation-oncology/maintenance-of-certification/medical-practice-improvement">https://www.theabr.org/radiation-oncology/maintenance-of-certification/medical-practice-improvement</a> Diagnostic Radiology - <a href="https://www.theabr.org/diagnostic-radiology/maintenance-of-certification">https://www.theabr.org/diagnostic-radiology/maintenance-of-certification</a>

<b>Surgery (ABS)</b>	Required participation in a local, regional or national outcomes registry or quality assessment program	<b>ONE</b> Quality Assessment Program	Yes	No	No	Credit is reflected in their ABS portal	<a href="https://www.absurgery.org/default.jsp?exam-mocpa">https://www.absurgery.org/default.jsp?exam-mocpa</a>
<b>Thoracic Surgery (ABTS)</b>	<b>ONE</b> Practice Assessment/QI Activity every <b>FIVE</b> years	<b>ONE</b> Practice Assessment/QI Activity	Yes	No	No	Credit is reflected in their ABTS portal	<a href="https://www.abts.org/ABTS/MOCWebPages/POI_Program_Overview.aspx">https://www.abts.org/ABTS/MOCWebPages/POI_Program_Overview.aspx</a>
<b>Urology (ABU)</b>	Completion of a Practice Assessment Protocol (PAP) every <b>TWO</b> years; case log review	<b>ONE</b> PAP Activity	Yes	No	No	Credit is reflected in their ABU portal	<a href="https://www.abu.org/learning/continuing-urologic-certification-cuc">https://www.abu.org/learning/continuing-urologic-certification-cuc</a>
<b>National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)</b>	100 CME credits per two-year cycle, including at least 50 Category I CME credits	30 PI-CME Credits (NCCPA doubles the first 20 PI-CME credits earned for each PA per CME logging cycle)	No - PAs must earn and report 100 credits per CME logging cycle	N/A	N/A	NCCPA emails the PA and reflects credit in PAs online CME record	<a href="https://www.nccpa.net/abms-portfolio-program">https://www.nccpa.net/abms-portfolio-program</a>