

ABMS Portfolio Program Meaningful Participation Requirements

The [ABMS Portfolio Program](#) recognizes the quality and safety improvement activities physicians and physician assistants (PAs) are doing in their practices and health care organizations to help them earn credit for continuing certification. It also contributes to organizational goals by encouraging and supporting physician/PA engagement in practice-level activities that make improvement happen. Accepting activities already being worked on alleviates the need to seek out external activities for continuing certification, keeping their focus on what is most important to them in the care of their patients.

The program operates through a national network of health care organizations that serve as ABMS Portfolio Program Sponsors and with the ABMS Member Boards to award credit. A parallel program helps PAs receive credit from the [National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants \(NCCPA\)](#).

Eligibility

To be eligible for continuing certification credit through the ABMS Portfolio Program, a physician/PA should meet at least one of the following criteria.

- Provides direct or consultative care to patients.
- Oversees clinical care delivery.
- Has an organizational leadership role in quality improvement or patient safety.
- Serves as a quality improvement coach, trainer, or student/resident QI advisor.

Meaningful Participation Requirements

A physician/PA can receive continuing certification credit by fulfilling these requirements for meaningful participation:

1. Identify and/or acknowledge a gap(s) in outcomes or in care delivery.
2. Identify and/or review data related to the gap(s).
3. Identify or acknowledge appropriate intervention(s) designed to improve the gap(s), **OR** participate in the planning and selection of intervention(s) designed to improve the gap(s).
4. Implement intervention(s) for a timeframe appropriate to addressing the gap(s), **OR** monitor and manage implementation of intervention(s) for a timeframe appropriate to addressing the gap(s).
5. Review post-intervention data related to the gap(s).
6. Reflect on outcomes to determine whether the intervention(s) resulted in improvement. If no improvement occurs after an intervention, participants must reflect on why no improvement occurred.

Upon reflection of the outcomes, a physician/PA will attest to meeting the above requirements. The attestation must be signed by the participant and the project leader, or a person in an oversight position. If the physician/PA is in an organizational leadership position or is a quality improvement coach, trainer or student/resident QI advisor, a signature from a project leader or an oversight individual is not required.

See the ABMS Portfolio Program QI Activity Requirements sheet for more information.