



ABP Update

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PLENARY SESSION

ATLANTA, GA



Update from the ABP

1. Internet-based Testing for ITE
2. MOC for Residents and Fellows
3. Time-Limited Eligibility Policy
4. Other News: PD Portal, Nomination Tool, MOC Part 4 Expanded



2015 In-Training Exam Pilot

- Exam was administered over 8 days
- 142 participating programs
- 6,826 residents successfully tested
- Resident survey: Internet delivery preferred over paper;
easy to navigate



2015 In-Training Exam Pilot

- ✓ Exam was delivered on laptops, desktops, and iPads in proctored environments.
- ✓ All exams delivered within a secure browser that prevented resident access to other websites, email, and other applications.
- ✓ System Checks completed on each device prior to exam delivery to ensure device and network compatibility.



2016 ITE

**All programs will be required to
administer exam via internet**





2016 ITE

- ❖ Online order of ITE via new program director portal
- ❖ Dates of Administration: July 13-July 20
- ❖ Data Collected:
 - Last 4 digits of government ID #
 - Date of birth
 - Resident email addresses
- ❖ Revision of Instructions, Proctors Manual and FAQ



MOC for Residents

- Residents will be able to **earn Part 4 MOC credit** during residency for meaningful participation in QI activities (just like a diplomate)
 - Practice Improvement Modules (PIMs)
 - Approved QI projects in institutions and organizations
 - Authorship of qualifying QI articles or posters
- Resident MOC **credit** will be **“in the bank”** for when they become certified and enter their first MOC cycle
- Residents will be able to **access many other ABP Part 2** (self assessments and QOW) activities, but will not receive bankable credit



Getting started

- Once in the ABP system (Nov of PL1 year),
- resident creates a portfolio

NEW USER ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

[HOME](#)

Step 1 **New User Registration**
Please provide the following information. This information will be used to identify you in our database.

First Name:

Last Name:

Last four digits of your SSN or SIN #:

Birth Month: Day: Year:



Resident Landing Page

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ABP PORTFOLIO



Apply For Exams

Apply for exams here, including Initial Certification, Maintenance of Certification and Subspecialty In-Training Examinations.



Certification and Registration Information

View your:

- Checklist Items
- Prometric Scheduling
- Important Correspondence
- Certification Status
- Final Date to Achieve Certification
- Examination Results



Self-assessment (Part 2) and Quality Improvement (Part 4) Activities

Trainees (residents and fellows) may participate in MOC activities. Banked MOC Part 4 credit may be available for completion of Part 4 activities.



My Archives

Access your library of Correspondence from the ABP.

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Exam Links

> [Initial GP Certification Fees & Exam Dates](#)

> [Initial Subspecialty Fees & Exam Dates](#)

> [MOC Fees](#)

> [MOC Exam Dates and Locations](#)



Resident Search Page

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Self-assessment (Part 2) and Quality Improvement Activities (Part 4)



My Completed Activities

See a detailed description of the activities you have completed.



Self-assessment (Part 2) and Quality Improvement (Part 4) Activity Search

Search for available activities.



My Activities

Manage the activities you have started and that are in-progress.



Residents and local QI Projects

Diplomates and residents can apply for approval of a local QI project

- As of May 2015, 2 applications, one for smaller groups and one for larger (institutional) projects

Small QI Project Application:

- 10 or fewer MDs who will get credit
- Simplified application, addressed to MD project leader
- Application includes QI project guidance





MOC for Fellows

- Fellows who have not yet passed their general pediatrics examination may earn **MOC credit for ABP approved QI Projects** and apply credit to their first MOC cycle.
- Fellows already certified in general pediatrics get credit in **2 ways**:
 - 20 points of MOC credit automatically awarded per year for fellowship
 - Approved QI activities earn additional MOC credit



MOC Credit During Fellowship

- MOC credit awarded after a fellow has completed 12 months of accredited fellowship
- Fellow must be currently certified in general pediatrics at end of each 12 month training period in order to be eligible
- Automated process based on tracking and evaluation forms submitted by Program Director
- Fellow will receive electronic notification when credit is posted to his/her online portfolio



MOC for Program Directors

- Educational Research
 - ABP expanded MOC Part 4 credit to include QI projects that not only involve direct clinical care but clinical, basic and educational research
 - ABP will accept and approve projects that improve an educational intervention or improve a research process

- Program Improvement
 - ABP will approve documented QI done as part of the annual program evaluation required by the ACGME for MOC Part 4 credit
 - Application and example completed application available on-line



Time-limited Eligibility Policy

- A residency or fellowship graduate has 7 years to pass board certification exam
- **Purpose:** disallow claims of unlimited “board eligibility” as an achievement. Time limit is consistent with continuous evaluation of competencies and tightens the connection between training and certification.
- Policy applies to all 24 specialty boards in the U.S.
- ABP detailed policy and FAQ available on website.



Time-Limited Eligibility Policy

- If certification is not achieved within the time limit an additional period of supervised practice (minimum 6 months) within an accredited training program is required to regain eligibility.
- The ABP does not require an individual to have a specific title; it is acceptable for the individual to have an appointment and salary as a practitioner or faculty member.
- Supervision and evaluation by faculty AND verification of competence by PD is critical



Important Points About Time-Limit Policy

1. ABP cares about accredited training environment, faculty supervision, and competency assessment.
2. Purpose of supervised practice is not to ensure certification but to assure the ABP that an individual still possesses competencies verified at conclusion of residency or fellowship.
3. Credentialing bodies and institutions can make exceptions to their BC/BE policy.



Changes to the Policy & FAQs

- **“Supervised practice”** in the policy language clarifies that the purpose is to afford an opportunity for observation and supervision of candidates to assure ABP of competence.
- Require pre-approval by ABP of all supervised practice programs (general pediatrics and **subspecialties**)
- ABP allows greater flexibility in the proposed plan for supervised practice in the accredited training program to accommodate personal circumstances. (See updated FAQs on website)



Supervised Practice to Regain Eligibility in General Pediatrics

- Duration: 6 months minimum in environment of accredited training program
- Content: (details in FAQ)
 - Inpatient care
 - Emergency Medicine
 - NBN/care
 - Outpatient general pediatrics (block or longitudinal)
 - Additional:
 - Up to 1 month may be in usual site of GP practice
 - Other experiences at discretion of PD and candidate to meet 6 month minimum



Supervised Practice To Regain Eligibility in a Subspecialty

- ✓ Duration: 6 month minimum in environment of accredited training program.
- ✓ Core clinical experiences pursuant to usual ACGME requirements.
- ✓ Neither research nor advanced subspecialty experiences are acceptable.
- ✓ For intensive care and emergency medicine: sufficient time must be spent in ICU and ED so faculty can judge clinical competence.
- ✓ For procedural subspecialties: direct supervision of procedures is required. Number is not specified.
- ✓ In certain subspecialties, sufficient time must be allotted for continuity care of the chronically ill child.



Time-limited Eligibility: Supervised Practice Proposals*

*As of Sept 2015

General Pediatrics

- 40 Plans submitted; 88% Approved
- 29 different programs represented, diverse in size and geography
- Most programs have submitted proposal for a single candidate and none for more than three candidates.

Subspecialties

- 54 Plans submitted; 87% Approved
- 48 different programs represented from 10 different subspecialties (no Child Abuse, Nephrology, DBP, or ID to date)
- Most programs have submitted proposal for a single candidate and none for more than two candidates.



Program Director Portal – Coming Jan. 2016

- ❖ Secure Portal Log-in for Program Directors and Coordinators
- ❖ Order and pay for GP ITE examinations
- ❖ View results of certifying examinations and ITE/SITE
- ❖ Access resources for program directors
- ❖ Future goal: All resident and fellow tracking will be on-line.



Nominating Tool: GP Committees and Subboards

- **New online tool** can be found @ www.abpeds.org
- Nominate Yourself or Someone Else
- Appointees serve a six-year term
- Must be board certified in the area of interest

Seeking candidates who represent:

Diversity of pediatric practice: everything from **rural, private practices to medical centers in major metropolitan areas**

Reflection of today's trends in pediatric practice: **well-seasoned pediatricians, new practitioners, part-time providers**

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the American Board of Pediatrics website with links for ABOUT ABP, NEWS, RESEARCH, and QUICK LINKS. Below the navigation is the organization's logo and tagline: 'THE AMERICAN BOARD of PEDIATRICS Certifying excellence in pediatrics – for a healthier tomorrow'. The main content area features a 'QUICK LINKS' section with a 'HOME » QUICK LINKS' breadcrumb and a prominent blue 'Nominate' button with the text 'yourself or someone you know for committees or subboards'.



ABP Web Site

www.abp.org

- Eligibility and training requirements for general pediatrics and all subspecialties, PD information, ABP policies, etc.

- 2014–2015 Workforce Data available for viewing and downloading from ABP Web site

- Resources for Program Directors
 - www.abp.org
 - Click the Program Directors button

