

ABP Update for Subspecialty Program Directors

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Resident and Fellow Tracking (Online)

Goals


- Create secure electronic system that allows ABP to record trainee progression through training
- Provide Program Directors and Coordinators electronic access for updating trainee data, including final level summative evaluations, credit, dates of training
- Decrease incomplete or inconsistent trainee data
- Increase efficiency of ABP processes



ABP's New Program Portal

- ❖ Launched new portal for PDs and coordinators at olt.abp.org
- ❖ Manage profiles
 - Update program contact info
 - View or update program coordinator's name/contact info
 - Assign program coordinator privileges
 - Subspecialty PDs can grant privileges to coordinators to view/download trainee results
- ❖ View Reports
 - View trainees' results on exams beginning with exams in fall of 2015

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Welcome.


Dear Program Directors,

I have a special place in my heart for you, having served as a program director for more than 20 years. By teaching and mentoring residents and fellows, you hold the future of pediatric care in your hands. I'll bet we all can name at least one mentor who helped mold our careers when we were in training. You are that person for many of your residents and fellows.

Since my days in training, pediatrics has increasingly focused on an individual physician's professional responsibility to improve quality of care. Now, in addition to providing a foundation in general pediatrics, you are helping prepare trainees for the diverse and emerging health care needs of children and provide flexibility for multiple career options.

Our goal at the ABP is to help you prepare trainees to launch their careers with the strongest foundation possible.

Gail McGuinness, MD
ABP Executive Vice President





Subspecialty Fellowship Orientation Slide Deck

Annotated slide deck that provides information about the ABP targeted for entering first-year fellows:

- Evaluation and tracking
 - Data reported annually to the ABP and implications of marginal or unsat evaluations
- Scholarly Activity
- SITE and exam security
- Certification
- MOC during fellowship and beyond



Fellowship Start Date



- **CoPS** has recommended that subspecialty fellowships delay start date (including orientation) until at least July 7th each year
- ABP supports this recommendation
- Regardless of start date, 36 months of fellowship must be completed



Exceptions to Core Fellowship Training

- ❖ 36 months of fellowship are required to be completed by all fellows, but a waiver may be requested for family or medical leave up to 2 months
- ❖ Training must be in the environment of the accredited program with program director oversight in order to be eligible to apply for ABP certification. If training is planned outside the accredited program for an extended period of time, approval must be sought.



Exceptions to Core Fellowship Training

- ❖ The scholarly product should be completed at the end of training, however, if the work product is incomplete this can be noted on the VOC form and submitted after fellowship
- ❖ Clinical performance and professionalism are evaluated at the end of fellowship. Only one year may be marked as marginal. If a second year is marked as marginal, clinical training will not be credited.





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



MOC Credit During Fellowship

- MOC credit depends on a fellow's certification status
(Have they passed the GP exam?)
- 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
 - ABP Approved QI activities earn additional MOC credit



Time-limited Eligibility Policy for Certification

- Modification of requirement for supervised practice
- The six months of supervised practice may be completed over more than one year in order to provide flexibility and meet personal needs.
- Proposal for part-time supervised practice that extends over more than one year must address consistency of supervision and the continuity of the experience.



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.



ACGME Eligibility Requirements: Fellowships

- ❑ All required clinical education for entry into ACGME-accredited fellowship programs must be completed in an ACGME-accredited residency program, or in an RCPSC-accredited residency program located in Canada.
- ❑ An ACGME-accredited fellowship program may accept an exceptionally qualified applicant, who does not satisfy the eligibility requirements but who does meet additional qualifications and conditions.



Certification Issues Re: ACGME Eligibility for Fellowships

- ❑ Anyone who receives “ACGME Exception” and completes fellowship training is eligible for certification but still must complete accredited general pediatrics training
- ❑ Fellow without prerequisite training, who has NOT received ACGME exception, and is NOT tracked by ABP will not be eligible for certification - NO EXCEPTIONS



Certification Issues Re: ACGME Eligibility for Fellowships

- ❑ ACGME eligibility exception should NOT be used for IMGs who wish to seek ABP certification since fewer opportunities to take examination are available for those who train out of sequence (“reverse training”)



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 ABP logo and the text '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.
- 2015–2016 Workforce Data available for viewing and downloading from ABP Web site
- Resources for Program Directors
 - www.abp.org
 - Click the Program Directors button

