Physician accountability

Knowledge and Competence

Practice Performance

MOC

PQRS

Concerns and complaints expressed by the IM community

- Exam is “one size fits all” and not relevant or customizable to my practice
- Lack of evidence for benefit on quality of care provided
- High failure rate on examination; implications for hospital or health plan credentialing
- Problematic reporting on website
- PIMs are “time-consuming busywork”
- Cost – too expensive
ACP’s positions re MOC

- ACP supports the principles behind lifelong learning and professional accountability, which includes certification and maintenance of certification
- These responsibilities are best handled by an independent, non-profit certification board (i.e. ABIM)
- However, ACP has felt the process needs to be improved, and has advocated strongly for reform

What had ABIM done in response (before February 3)?

- Committed to developing more flexible, less burdensome ways to fulfill practice assessment requirement
- Set up a task force to explore redesigning the secure examination
- Decreased the cost of an exam re-take
- Agreed to one year grace period to maintain certification after 10 year cycle if exam failed (provided all other MOC requirements are met)
Our most recent feedback to ABIM

- Need for more dramatic changes in the MOC process
  - Secure examination
  - Self-assessment of performance
- Need for more timely changes: slow reform wouldn’t work
- Need for a change in tone of communications
  - Not defensive
  - Acceptance of responsibility: mea culpa
- Need for change in website reporting

Additional events re ABIM and MOC

- Lots of positive responses to ABIM’s announcement, but…
- Lots of negative responses to ABIM’s announcement – too little, too late
- Announcement of an “alternative certifying board” – the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons (NBPAS)
- Attacks on ABIM as an organization – through social media and recent Newsweek articles