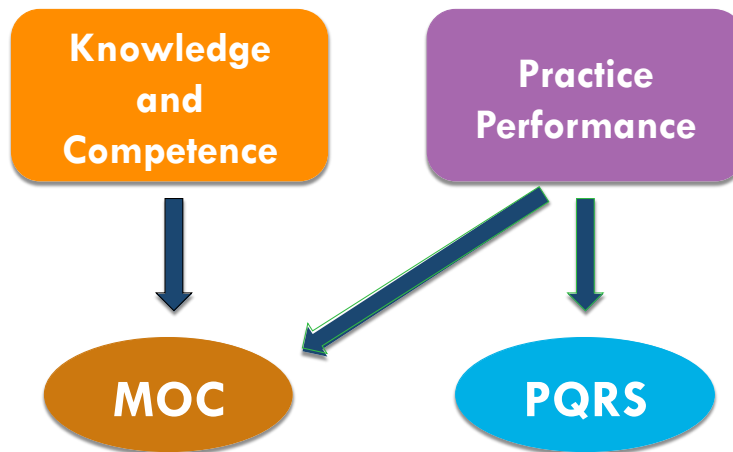


Physician accountability



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**