Changes in Certification

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Purpose

• To review recent changes to certification
  – MyEMCert
  – Online ConCert Examination
  – Cycle length
  – FAQs
YOUR SPECIALTY.
YOUR CERTIFICATION.
MyEMCert: Formative Focus

Complete alone, without collaboration

Online format

Open book

Successfully complete 4 modules by certification end date

Multiple attempts to pass each module

Physicians with certification end date of 2021 or later can recertify using MyEMCert
MyEMCert Pilot

- Launched on October 6, 2020
- Pilot lasts three months
- Approximately 1,200 participants
- Three modules available
  - Abdominopelvic
  - Abnormal Vital Signs and Shock
  - Trauma and Bleeding
MyEMCert: Presentation-based Knowledge (~80%)

MyEMCert Modules

1. Abdominopelvic
2. Abnormal Vital Signs and Shock
3. Trauma and Bleeding
4. Thoracorespiratory
5. Neurology
6. Social and Behavioral Health
7. Head and Neck
8. Nontraumatic Musculoskeletal
MyEMCert: Key Advances (~20%)

• Practice Advances
• Clinical Policy Alerts
• Suggestions from the Literature
  – Key Advances are accompanied by brief summaries (synopses)
  – Synopses available on website and in module
Rapid COVID-19 Changes

• Protected eligibility for residents affected by COVID/quarantine

• Extended deadlines for physicians whose certifications end in 2020
ConCert Examination

- Pearson VUE Centers temporarily closed
- ~3,000 physicians need to recertify in 2020
- Physicians need/want multiple attempts
- Solution: Online ConCert
- Remote, convenient, open book
ConCert Examination

• Greater formative emphasis
• First administration July 27 – August 16
• Over 1,200 test takers
• Challenges
  – Temporary glitch with Safari and UpToDate®
• Successes
• ConCert ends in 2022
5-year Certification Transition

• Beginning in 2021, all certificates 5 years
• No increase in total requirements
• No increase in total costs
  – Many physicians will receive a reimbursement
• ✓ ABEM Reqs tool allows you to see requirements and due dates
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Want to know what your continuing certification requirements are?

SELECT YOUR CURRENT CERTIFICATION END DATE:

2027

Great! You selected 2027!

What you need to do and when:

2018 - 2022:

✓ One Improvement in Medical Practice activity
✓ Four Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment tests

You may have already met some of these requirements.

2023 - 2027:

✓ One Improvement in Medical Practice activity
✓ Four MyEMCert modules (Coming Spring 2021)

Note: ABEM requires physicians to comply with the ABEM policy on medical licensure.

Sign In To Complete or View Your Individual Requirements

After completing your current continuing certification requirements, your certification will renew for five years (2028-2032).

SEE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS
Constants

• All current certification expiration dates remain the same
• No physician loses any time on already issued certificates
• For certificates issued in 2021, ConCert/MyEMCert both confer a 5-year cycle
• No change in 5-year requirements or costs
# Comparison Between 10-Year and New 5-Year Certification Cycles

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<td>$105</td>
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<td>$1,950</td>
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<td><strong>Total Fees</strong></td>
<td>$2,790</td>
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<td><strong>Requirements</strong></td>
<td>Four activities every five years</td>
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<td><strong>Licensure and Improvement in Medical Practice</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Consistent Year-to-Year Physician Fees</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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NOTE: 5-year certification does not start until current certification expires.

* ConCert will be available in 2021 and 2022 for $1,400 for those who delay enrolling in MyEMCert.

5-year certification begins when your current certification expires
FAQ: Why now?

- Multiple factors converging
- Minimizes disruption and variation
  - Simplifies change
- MyEMCert + cycle length + annual fee
- ABMS Vision Commission report and signals from the ABMS
- Physician requests to recertify with MyEMCert in 2021
FAQ: Doesn’t taking the ConCert early guarantee 10 years of certification?

- No—taking ConCert early allows physicians to meet their Part III requirement prior to the last year of certification
- *Shifts high-stakes exam to lower stakes*
- Purpose of offering ConCert early was to reduce the risk of decertification
- In the past, taking ConCert early reset certification anchor date, reducing prior certification period length—we changed that in 2012
FAQ: Doesn’t MyEMCert give 5 years of certification and ConCert give 10 years?

• No—the length of certification is not based on the pathway physicians take for recertification

• Transition to the 5-year certificate dependent on the end date of the certificate, not when requirements were completed

• Certification length for all physicians whose certification expires in 2021 (with a December 31, 2021 end date) and after will all receive a 5-year certificate

• Certificate end date, not the pathway to recertification, determines start of certification cycle length change
FAQ: How Can Two Physicians Pass the Same Exam and Get Different Cert. Lengths?

1. The physicians have different expiration dates for their certificates
2. The physicians will have paid different amounts to recertify ($2,790 vs. $1,400)
3. The physicians have different LLSA requirements (8 LLSAs vs. 4 LLSAs)
4. The only thing that the two physicians have in common is the ConCert
   – ConCert ≠ Certification
   – ConCert is only 1 of 12 requirements
FAQ: By going to a 5-year certification, did ABEM increase requirements?

• No—for 10-year certification, physicians completed 8 LLSAs and the ConCert Examination (9 activities)

• For 5-year certification, 4 MyEMCert modules every 5 years

• There is a decrease in the number of activities by eliminating the high-stakes, episodic examination
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