

**ABEM MOC Credit for Participation in Other ABMS Member Boards' MOC Programs**  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)**

- 1. What credit can I get for participating in another MOC program?** ABEM allows diplomates who are certified by more than one ABMS\* Member Board to choose the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program in which they will complete their Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LLS) and Improvement in Medical Practice (IMP) MOC requirements, as long as that program requires completing both LLS and IMP activities. The selected MOC program will become their primary MOC program. Meeting all MOC requirements of the selected primary MOC program automatically fulfills the LLS and IMP requirements of each of their ABEM certifications.
- 2. What requirements fall under LLS and IMP?** For ABEM, the LLS requirements include [LLSA](#) and [CME](#) activities. IMP refers to Patient Care Practice Improvement (PI) and Communication / Professionalism (CP) activities. Each Member Board defines the activities that meet its LLS and IMP MOC requirements.
- 3. I have two ABEM certifications. Can MOC requirements I meet under one certificate count toward the MOC requirements of my other ABEM-issued certification?** Yes. Meeting all MOC requirements of the selected primary MOC program automatically fulfills the LLS and IMP requirements of each of your ABEM certifications that have an MOC program.
- 4. How do I know if the MOC program of another ABMS Member Board is acceptable?** As long as you select an ABMS MOC program that requires completion of the LLS and IMP components, and you are participating in that program as defined by the ABMS Member Board that issued your certificate, your MOC program is acceptable. ABEM will verify with the other board your participation in the MOC program, including your completion of LLS and IMP activities.
- 5. What if I have a certification with a non-ABMS Member Board that has an MOC program?** ABEM MOC credit can only be given for MOC programs administered by one of the 24 ABMS Member Boards that has an MOC program that includes LLS and IMP requirements.
- 6. How does my level of clinical activity affect receiving credit toward ABEM MOC requirements?** If you have selected EM or an ABEM subspecialty as your primary MOC program and are not clinically active in that specialty or subspecialty, you do not have IMP requirements, regardless of whether you are clinically active within another specialty or subspecialty. If you are clinically active in the specialty or subspecialty you have chosen as your primary MOC program, that program must require IMP activities, and you must complete those activities to receive credit for any IMP requirements you might have within an ABEM MOC program.
- 7. Can I complete an LLSA test for a different specialty even if it does not fall under my chosen primary MOC program? For example, if I choose EMS as my primary MOC program, can I complete an EM or a Medical Toxicology**

**LLSA test?** Yes. ABEM diplomates have access to all ABEM LLSA tests. All ABEM LLSAs tests you pass will count toward all your ABEM LLSA requirements.

- 8. If I choose an MOC program that is not an ABEM MOC program, do I need to report to ABEM the LLS and IMP activities I complete?** No. ABEM will verify your participation in the MOC program, including the LLS and IMP requirements of that program, with the ABMS Member Board that administers the program.
- 9. Do I still have to complete the Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skills (KJS) requirement (re-certification examination) for each specialty and subspecialty certification I have?** Yes. All ABEM diplomates must take and pass the recertification examination for each certification they hold.
- 10. How do I let ABEM know that I am participating in a non-ABEM MOC program?** On your ABEM MOC Personal page, click on "Change Primary" to provide ABEM with information about other non-ABEM ABMS Member Board certificates you hold. You will also be able to select your primary MOC program, that is, the program in which you will complete your LLS and IMP requirements.
- 11. If I hold a lifetime certificate with another ABMS Member Board, can this be selected as my primary MOC program?** Yes. As long as you are participating in the MOC program associated with that certificate, including completing the LLS and IMP requirements of the program, this can be used as your primary MOC program.
- 12. Can I get credit in another ABMS Member Board's MOC program for requirements I meet within an ABEM MOC program?** Each ABMS Member Board makes its own determination about whether activities or requirements completed in another MOC program will count toward its own MOC requirements. If the board that issued your certificate recognizes ABEM activities, ABEM will provide verification that you are participating in ABEM MOC, defined as meeting ABEM MOC requirements. ABEM can provide verification that you have completed specific ABEM MOC activities if you authorize ABEM to provide that information.

\* The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) is the umbrella organization for 24 member medical specialty boards. If you are unsure whether or not a certificate you hold was issued by an ABMS Member Board, please see the [list of Member Boards](#) on the ABMS website.

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