

2019 ABO MOC Program

Required activities are slightly different for [Track 1](#) diplomates whose certificates expire on or before December 31, 2020. For everyone else, the requirements for MOC are listed below. Activities are accessible via your [MOC Status Page](#).

MOC Part	What's the requirement?	How does it work?	Why is it important?
Part I	At all times, hold an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine in all jurisdictions of the United States or Canada in which you hold a license.	The ABO receives quarterly licensure updates from the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), so you will not be asked to manually update this information unless something is missing.	Ensuring that all ABO diplomates maintain valid, unrestricted medical licenses keeps you in the company of board-certified colleagues who share your commitment to professional, ethical practice.
Part II	Every 2 years, earn and attest to an average of 50 <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™</i> , including 16 credits that qualify as self-assessment.	Earn CME from the accredited providers of your choice. The ABO does not require you to upload course certificates or CME transcripts; simply log in to the ABO website and attest to completion of CME every 2 years.	This step of MOC encourages you to focus your attention on enhancing your knowledge about the topics that best serve you and your patients.
	Complete 1 activity that qualifies as patient safety .	Choose 1 CME activity that qualifies as patient safety and attest to completion via the ABO website. Alternatively, the patient safety requirement may be met by reading patient safety articles as part of participation in the Quarterly Questions program.	As physicians, we pledge first and foremost to “do no harm.” This activity facilitates learning about ways to protect eye care patients from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.
Part III	Meet the annual passing standard on the Quarterly Questions program at least 5 times before the end of the 10-year cycle.	Questions may be answered online, on-demand. New content is available annually and released in quarterly segments. Questions fall into 2 categories: knowledge-based questions pertaining to everyday clinical practice knowledge and questions based on peer-reviewed journal readings.	The program helps improve everyday practice knowledge in the subspecialty area(s) of your choice and builds new clinical knowledge through the reading of “must-read” peer-reviewed journal articles.
Part IV	Complete 2 activities from the Improvement in Medical Practice Menu	Choose 2 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read quality improvement-focused articles and answer related questions as part of participation in the Quarterly Questions program. <i>Please note: this option may be used to meet the requirement only once.</i> • Select a CME activity that qualifies as quality improvement from the ACCME CME Finder menu. • Design your own Improvement in Medical Practice project using a standard quality improvement methodology. Advance ABO review and approval is required. • Participate in an institutional project through the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program. 	Participation in an improvement activity opens a new window into your practice patterns and outcomes. Perhaps you’ll spot a trend in your practice data that you hadn’t noticed before or a performance gap you could close with the implementation of a simple intervention.