

# The Future of Maintenance of Certification



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# What is MOC?

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) is a **learning and improvement process** created **for** practicing ophthalmologists **by** practicing ophthalmologists.



MOC is designed to help diplomates meet the rigorous continuing education demands of today's practice environment.



# MOC demonstrates

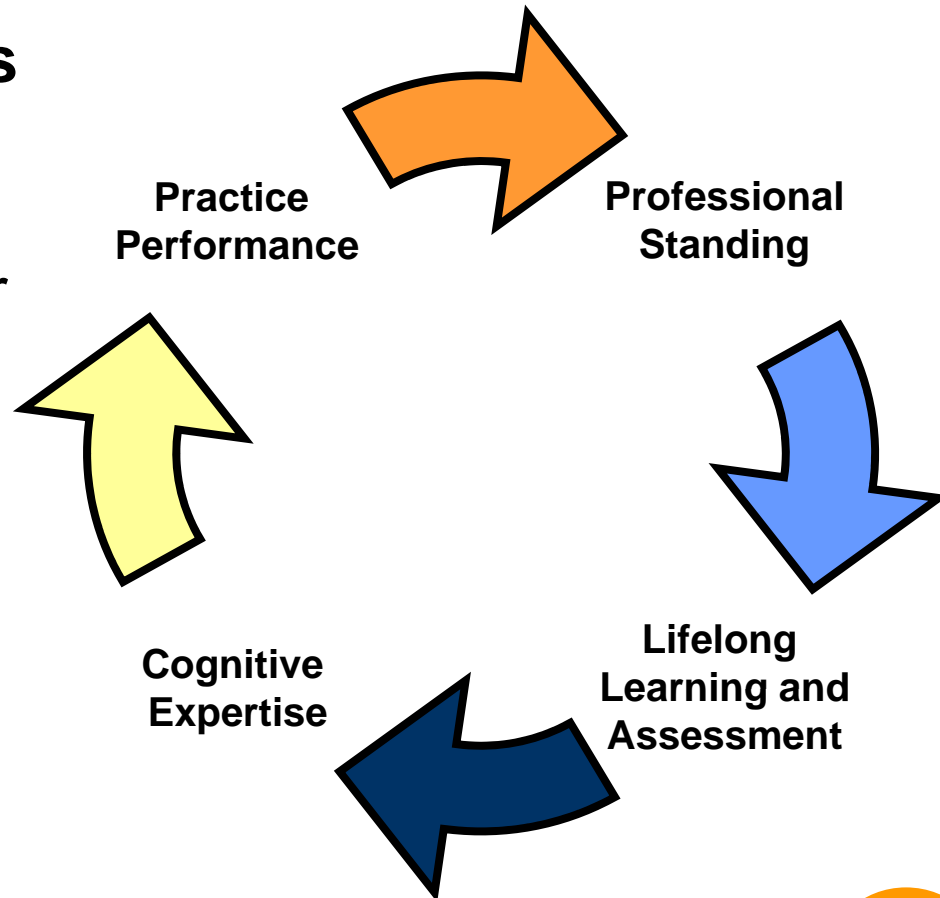
- ✓ Competency in medical knowledge
- ✓ Excellence in professional skills
- ✓ Commitment to high standards in patient care
- ✓ Evidence of continual learning and improvement



# The MOC process

In four parts, MOC **fosters excellence** through continual learning and improvement over 10-year cycles.

MOC is based on a common set of core competencies and standards developed by the ACGME and the ABMS.



# “Gaps” in Care

MOC Part 4 allows physicians to review their performance and identify potential gaps in care – where diplomates are falling short of peer benchmarks and best practice standards – and remediate these gaps.



# Practice Assessment Modules

- In collaboration with AAO-sponsored panels of practicing ophthalmologists, the ABO is presently revising Practice Assessment modules to make the process more efficient, thus promoting practice improvement
- The goal for each Practice Assessment module under development is to include at least 2 CMS-approved process and/or outcome measures whenever possible
- Where no CMS measures are applicable, Practice Assessment modules will collect critical information and outcome data to support measure development



# Quality Measures and PQRI

- Quality Measures are submitted for approval for use in the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (CMS PQRI), which paves the way for physicians to receive credit and incentive payments for participation.
- The ABO intends to promote the use of MOC to also qualify for PQRI measures for all diplomates regardless of their subspecialty or practice.



# Value Added to Part 4

## Participating Diplomates



- Qualify ABO MOC process for PQRI
- Promotes personal practice improvement
- Ability to submit patient data for MOC or PQRI
- Real-time reporting to assist diplomates with self-reflection and quality improvement

## Ophthalmology



- Incentivize the MOC process to LTC-Holders
- Ability to review patient care data compared to benchmarks and peers
- Development of outcomes and process measures in areas of ophthalmology where data is minimal



# The rising value of MOC

Other organizations value MOC:

- Additional PQRI payment eligibility
- Private Insurers (Blue Cross/Blue Shield, etc.)
- State Licensing Boards (Maintenance of Licensure)
- Consumers and Consumer Advocacy Groups



# MOC 2012 and beyond



MOC becomes an annual process with a **flexible** menu of learning and assessment activities designed to provide more **meaningful** feedback and serve as a **valuable** professional development tool. In the future, the ABO will increase opportunities to further focus activities on subspecialty areas.

