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MOCA 2.0™ FAQs

1. What is MOCA 2.0™?

MOCA 2.0 is a web-based learning platform that promotes personalized, continuous learning and facilitates demonstration of proficiencies. It launched in January 2016, along with the MOCA Minute™ pilot, which is the core of the redesigned program. In 2017, the program will expand to include diplomates with current subspecialty certificates.

2. Why did the ABA change the MOC program?

We redesigned MOCA because we believe continuous learning and demonstration of proficiencies will help diplomates provide better patient care. The ABA Board of Directors, 12 practicing physician anesthesiologists and a public member, wanted to incorporate identification and elimination of knowledge gaps, an emphasis on patient safety, and longitudinal assessment into a new MOC program. We believe MOCA 2.0 is evolving into a more personalized, relevant and efficient lifelong learning program. It will continue to evolve based on diplomate feedback and changes in medical practice. We welcome diplomate input and partnership to continuously improve the program. You may provide feedback using our MOCA Feedback mailbox.

3. What requirements have changed with MOCA 2.0?

- **Part 1: Professionalism and Professional Standing**
  No changes.

- **Part 2: Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment**
  You will complete 250 Category 1 CME credits, including 20 credits of Patient Safety CME. You will receive credit in MOCA 2.0 for all Category 1 CMEs you previously completed and submitted.

- **Part 3: Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skills**

  The MOCA Minute pilot, an interactive learning and assessment tool, replaces the MOCA exam in MOCA 2.0. MOCA Minute consists of multiple-choice questions like those typically presented on the MOCA exam. You will answer 30 questions per calendar quarter for a total of 120 per year. You may answer all 30 questions at once or space them out over time, but you cannot answer more than 30 questions per calendar quarter (e.g., Jan. 1 – March 31).

  There are no study materials for MOCA Minute. Much like the MOCA exam, the MOCA Minute question topics are considered "walking around knowledge." Whether you answer questions correctly or not, you will get immediate feedback that includes links to educational resources that will help you learn material you need to know. Similar questions on the same topic areas will be repeated over time, giving diplomates an opportunity to demonstrate they have learned material they did not previously know and are retaining information they did know. Click here to see a video demo of MOCA Minute.

- **Part 4: Improvement in Medical Practice**

  We expanded the list of Part 4 options in MOCA 2.0 based, in part, on diplomate feedback to provide you with activities that are most relevant to your practice. You must earn a minimum of 50 Part 4 points during your 10-year cycle (25 points during Years 1-5 and 25 points during Years 6-10). Points are awarded for activities based on the time and effort associated with their completion.
  Click here to see the list of Part 4 activity options.

Simulation is now an optional Part 4 activity; however, the Board considers it a valuable educational option and continues to encourage participation. If you previously completed a simulation course as part of your current MOCA cycle, you'll get five years' worth of Part 4 credit (25 points) in MOCA 2.0. If you were certified in 2006 through 2009 and have already completed your Part 4 requirements, you do not need to complete additional Part 4 activities until your next MOCA cycle begins in 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020.

Attestations will be due in Year 9, but will not provide points. You will complete the attestation as part of MOCA 2.0 registration in Year 9.

- **Fee**
  The $2,100 every 10 years MOCA program fee has been replaced by an annual $210 MOCA 2.0 participation fee. The fee covers the MOCA administrative, technology and infrastructure costs, including the item writing and maintaining the systems that track diplomates' progress through the program.

4. Who should register for MOCA 2.0?

- All diplomates who have certificates that **expire in 2016 or later** and who are participating in MOCA (non- time limited and time-limited certificate holders) can register for MOCA 2.0.
- **Non-time limited certificate holders** who are not participating in MOCA are welcome to register.
- Time-limited certificate holders whose certificates **expired from Dec. 31, 2013 to Dec. 31, 2015** must first complete their current MOCA requirements before they can register.

5. How and when will I register for MOCA 2.0?

The deadline to register for MOCA 2.0 is March 31. You must register for MOCA 2.0 to gain access to MOCA Minute questions. To register, log into your ABA portal account to confirm your personal information, verify your medical licenses, e-sign various forms, fill in your practice profiles, and pay the annual MOCA fee ($210). Click here to view the registration video and click here to view step-by-step instructions.

6. Will MOCA 2.0 run on a 10-year cycle like the current program?

The Board has not made any decisions about changing the cycle length. Diplomates current MOCA certificates will not expire until the date printed on them, at which time the Board will issue your new 10-year certificate, unless the Board approves a change. Diplomates will be informed if a change is made.

7. Will I get credit for activities I already completed in the current MOCA program?

Yes, activities completed in your current MOCA cycle (prior to the MOCA 2.0 launch) will be applied to your MOCA 2.0 requirements.

8. How soon will I get MOCA Minute questions and where will I access them?

As soon as you complete the MOCA 2.0 registration, you can access MOCA Minute questions via the portal, your MOCA progress report (in the Part 3 section) or via the mobile app, which you can download from the Apple store. We will also send weekly emails with a link to access questions. Click here to see a video demo of MOCA Minute.

9. How will you know which questions to send me?

The entire diplomate corps will answer general anesthesia questions that represent the base of knowledge every anesthesiologist should know. Everyone will also see questions about new knowledge areas that we believe diplomates need to learn quickly (e.g., Zika virus).

Additionally, you will receive subspecialty-related questions based on the areas of interest you selected in you practice profile. We are building our subspecialty question bank, so there will be a limited number of

subspecialty questions in 2016.

10. How will the ABA set the standard for "passing" the MOCA Minute?

We will conduct a standard setting later on in 2016 once we have enough data on the performance of the entire MOCA population. We expect the vast majority of diplomates to meet the standard, as they did in the original MOCA program. We will not revoke your certificate based solely on your MOCA Minute performance; however, your certificate will not be renewed when it expires if you are not fulfilling the MOCA 2.0 requirements. If your MOCA Minute performance causes concern, the Board will work with you to develop a remediation plan to help you maintain your certificate.

11. If I do not complete any Part 4 activities in Years 1-5 of my cycle, can I accrue all 50 points in Years 6-10?

Yes; however, until you fulfill 25 points of activity in Years 6-10, you will be listed on the ABA's website as not participating in MOCA. Also, you cannot accrue more than 25 points in one year. If you complete 25 points in Year 6, you cannot get credit for any additional activities until Year 7.

12. Can I complete two simulation courses (one in each of the five-year periods)?

Yes. You may do the same activity/activities in both five-year periods as long as the activities you complete result in you earning the required points. Click here to see the list of approved Part 4 activities.

13. What do I need to know about maintaining my subspecialty certificate in MOCA 2.0 in 2017?

MOCA 2.0 requirements: If you have a current subspecialty certificate, you will register for MOCA 2.0 in your portal account in January 2017. If you have two or more certificates (e.g., a primary certificate in anesthesiology and a subspecialty certificate or two subspecialty certificates), you will only complete one set of MOCA 2.0 requirements [i.e., you will earn 50 Part 4 points in 10 years, not 100 (50 points x 2 certificates)].

MOCA Minute: Beginning in 2017, a larger proportion of your MOCA Minute questions will be subspecialty-related, based on what you report in your practice profile. If you are also maintaining your primary certification and are already participating in MOCA Minute, you will continue to do so to maintain both certificates.

- **If you took and passed a recertification exam previously** <u>OR</u> **if you take and pass a recertification exam in 2016**, you do not have to participate in MOCA Minute until your current subspecialty certificate expires.

- **If you did not take a recertification exam** you will participate in MOCA Minute right away in 2017.

MOCA 2.0 Annual Fee: If you are only maintaining your subspecialty certificate, you will pay $210 per year. If you are maintaining more than one certificate, you will pay an additional $100 per certificate. For instance, you will pay $210 for your primary anesthesiology certificate and $100 for your subspecialty certificate, for a total of $310 per year.

For customized counseling on your MOCA 2.0 requirements,
call the Communications Center at (866) 999-7501.