



Announcing MOCA-SUBS

The ABA is transitioning from the current subspecialty recertification programs to Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology for Subspecialties (MOCA-SUBS) beginning on January 1, 2010. The last subspecialty recertification examinations will be administered in **2016**, and the first MOCA-SUBS examinations will be administered in **2017**.

The MOCA-SUBS program is the only option for ABA Diplomates certified or recertified in a subspecialty after **January 1, 2010**, and these Diplomates will be automatically enrolled in MOCA-SUBS. Diplomates awarded certification or recertification on or before January 1, 2010 may apply for subspecialty recertification as early as 7 years from their certification date and up to the application deadline of March 31, 2016.

Under ABA policy, the practice of an anesthesiology subspecialty is the practice of the specialty (anesthesiology). Therefore, a MOCA-SUBS candidate may maintain a subspecialty certificate, or both the specialty certificate and a subspecialty certificate, by being clinically active solely in the subspecialty. As a result, diplomates participating in both MOCA and MOCA-SUBS will benefit from overlapping program requirements as long as the activities are completed during each of the 10-year cycles:

Same for MOCA and MOCA-SUBS

Part I: Professional Standing (PS)

Hold an active, unrestricted medical license in the United States or Canada.

All US and Canadian medical licenses must be unrestricted.

Part II: Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LLSA)

Complete 350 LLSA (CME) credits with a minimum of 250 Category 1 credits during 10-year cycle of which:

90 Category 1 credits are from the ASA SEE or ACE programs

20 Category 1 credits are from Patient Safety CME

The LLSA activities can be used to maintain anesthesiology certification as well as one or more subspecialty certifications as long as there is CME related to each subspecialty certification being maintained.

Part IV: Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement (PPAI)

Complete one subspecialty-related Case Evaluation to fulfill the requirements for both the specialty and the subspecialty certifications. Complete an additional subspecialty-related Case Evaluation for each subsequent subspecialty certification being maintained.

Complete one Simulation Course at an ASA-endorsed center.

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Part III: Cognitive Examination (CE)

Demonstrate your cognitive expertise by passing an ABA examination administered via nationwide, secure testing centers for **each** certification you are maintaining.

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