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EDUCATIONAL COURSES FOR FULFILLMENT OF ABA MOCA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

PART 2: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT PATIENT SAFETY COURSES

The American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) is pleased to announce that medical societies and other healthcare organizations offering quality educational courses to enable physicians to fulfill the requirements of the ABA Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology Program (MOCA[®]) may submit a proposal for their educational courses to be considered by the ABA for approval.

About the ABA MOCA Program

MOCA is a 10-year program designed to enable physicians to demonstrate their commitment to quality clinical outcomes and patient safety. MOCA offers ABA board certified anesthesiologists (i.e. diplomates) the opportunity to participate in a four-part process for continual learning, while advancing the standard of specialty medical care. The four-part MOCA program includes:

- Part 1: Assessments of Professional Standing (Medical Licensure)
- Part 2: Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (CME activities)
- Part 3: Cognitive Examination
- Part 4: Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement

These four components of the MOCA program are designed to provide assessments of six general competencies: patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning and improvement, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, and systems-based practice.

Courses for Fulfillment of MOCA Requirements

The ABA may approve **Part 2: Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment** Patient Safety Courses that:

1. Identify key themes of patient safety that cross disciplines and clinical settings. Key themes shall include, but not be limited to, epidemiology of error, the effect of the system on patient safety, human factors, safety enhancing technology, communication, culture of safety, and methods and tools for evaluating safety events.
2. Present a curriculum that addresses key themes and contains learning objectives for each key theme.

The fact that an Educational Sponsor's Course meets all the above stated requirements is not a guarantee by the ABA that a Course will be accepted, rather the decision to accept the Course is subject to the sole discretion of the ABA. All Course applications that are not selected will be returned in its entirety to the Educational Sponsor and no parts of the Course application will be used without the Educational Sponsor's written permission. Notwithstanding, it is possible that Course applicants may present similar proposals and while one Course application may not be accepted, another Course application with similar features may be used. Thus, all Educational Sponsors must agree that they may not claim any proprietary rights or interests by virtue of similar submissions being made and the ABA selecting one such Course applicant over another. The ABA reserves the right to charge a fee for review of Courses.

Process for Course Submission

To submit your organization's course to the ABA for approval:

1. Review the Course requirements and guidelines.
2. Complete and submit the MOCA Patient Safety Course Application form.
3. Submit the Application form along with any relevant course materials via email to the ABA at moca@theABA.org. Acceptable file formats for submission include: .doc, .docx, .pdf, .xls, .xlsx, .rtf

Decision Process and Timeline

1. The ABA reviews MOCA Course applications on a first-come, first-serve basis.
2. The ABA review and approval process takes approximately 4-6 weeks, but can take longer. During this time, the ABA may request additional information.
3. Once a final decision is reached, the Educational Sponsor will be formally notified in writing.
4. If a Course application is approved, the Educational Sponsor will be required to sign a written agreement with the ABA. The agreement will specify the terms of the arrangement.
5. The Educational Sponsor is responsible for the cost of developing and administering the module, and for submitting a final report to the ABA of diplomate completion of the course. This includes collecting ABA identification numbers from Course participants, and sending them to the ABA with the completion information.