Journey to Board Certification

2023 ASA Annual Meeting Mini-Theater Presentation

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Our Mission
To advance the highest standards of the practice of anesthesiology

Our Vision
To be a highly effective and respected medical specialty certifying board that instills confidence and trust
Our Director Values

Serve the Specialty

Listen and Engage

Lead the Way to Elevate Standards
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Thank You, Residents & Fellows
Value of Board Certification
How Patients Perceive ABA Certification

1. High level of clinical knowledge, judgment & skills
2. Up-to-date with recent advances
3. Professionalism
Value of Certification

• Instills confidence and trust in patients

• Board certification signifies that a physician has demonstrated the knowledge, judgment and skills to provide safe and high-quality specialty care and delivers such care consistent with the professional norms expected of a board-certified physician

• Patients expect their physicians to be up-to-date with the most recent medical advances in their specialties

• Patients and institutions expect certified physicians to demonstrate their proficiency through an ongoing board certification process
Journey to Board Certification
Initial Board Certification Exam Timeline

**Enrollment**
- Residency

**CA-1 Year**
- BASIC Exam

**CA-3 Year**
- Training complete!

**Post-Training**
- ADVANCED Exam
- APPLIED Exam

**Board Certified!**
APPLIED Exam Overview
Standardized Oral Exam (SOE)

- Based on guided questions that include a patient’s brief clinical history and emphasize the scientific rationale underlying clinical management decisions

- Assesses your judgment, adaptability to unexpected clinical changes, organization and presentation of information

- Two, 35-minute exam sessions

- Candidates interact with two examiners during each session
Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE)

• Assesses communication and professionalism, and technical skills related to patient care
• Seven, eight-minute stations
  • Five focused on communication & professionalism skills
  • Three focused on technical skills
• Four minutes between stations to review the next scenario
• Candidates interact with either a standardized patient actor or an examiner in each scenario
Preparing for Your APPLIED Exam

• Utilize the SOE sample questions and OSCE content outline and sample scenarios on our website

• During exam year, review resources emailed to you in the months leading up to your exam

• Coming 2024 – APPLIED Exam experience video
What To Expect as a Board-Certified Anesthesiologist
Importance of Continuing Certification

• Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology (MOCA) program allows board-certified anesthesiologists to remain current in their knowledge of the practice

• Stay up-to-date on best practices in patient care

• Assure patients of your commitment to quality clinical outcomes and patient safety
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MOCA Program Requirements: Five-Year Cycle

**Medical License**
Maintain an active, unrestricted medical licensure

**CME**
Earn 125 Category 1 CME credits every five years (10 Patient Safety)

**MOCA Minute**
Answer 120 questions each year; meet the performance standard

**Quality Improvement**
Earn and attest to 25 QI points every five years
ABA GO Portal

• On-demand overview of your certification status and progress toward MOCA requirements in one easy-to-use app and web platform

• Register for subspecialty exams, view exam results and payment history, request accommodations, etc.

• Verify and report CME and QI activities, answer MOCA Minute questions and update medical license status
MOCA Minute

• MOCA Minute supports board-certified anesthesiologists’ continuous learning through longitudinal assessment

• Answer 30 MOCA Minute questions per calendar quarter (120 per year)

• Meet the performance standard (p-value of ≥ 0.10)

• Earn CME credits for completing your quarterly MOCA Minute questions (up to 10 credits per year)
  • Answer all 30 MOCA Minute questions in the quarter they are assigned to receive credit
  • Earn 2.5 credits per quarter

• Exploring opportunities for MOCA Minute application for residents
Your Connection to Board Certification

- Pursue a subspecialty certification
- Volunteer opportunities
  - Write and edit exam questions
  - Examine APPLIED candidates
  - Assist with program initiatives
- Our team is available to provide support throughout your career
  - Phone and email support
- We value your feedback!
  - Annual surveys and opportunities to share your voice
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