

# Multi-Specialty MOC Portfolio Approval Program



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# Portfolio Program

The Portfolio Program is a single process for sponsor organizations to use to support physician involvement in MOC across multiple ABMS specialties. It is intended only for:

- Organizations with a strong focus on quality improvement
- Organizations that have, or can have, the necessary infrastructure in place to sponsor and support multiple well-designed quality improvement efforts involving physicians across multiple disciplines



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# Portfolio Program

- It is **not** the only method or pathway for physicians to receive MOC Part IV credit from any ABMS Member Board
- It is **not** an organizational accreditation or recognition program
- It is **not** a profit center (nor intended to be a cost center)
- It is **not** a vehicle for offsetting, reallocating, or fundamentally changing the way Diplomates are charged by their certifying Board(s)

# Standards and Guidelines

1. Commitment to supporting physician involvement in MOC
2. Demonstrate past success in improving quality of care
3. Be committed to using QI to address gaps in quality of care
4. Make training and educational opportunities available
5. Have the infrastructure to support the Portfolio Program
6. Be HIPAA compliant
7. Contribute to the QI body of knowledge

# Standards and Guidelines

1. Have leadership and management at the project level that is capable of ensuring adherence to the participation criteria
2. Address care the physician can influence in one or more of the six Institute of Medicine quality dimensions (safety, effectiveness, timeliness, equity, efficiency, and/or patient-centeredness)
3. Have a specific, measurable, relevant, and time-appropriate aim for improvement
4. Use appropriate, relevant, and evidence-based performance measures that include measurement related to patient care at the appropriate unit of analysis (physician, clinic, care team, etc.) Use national measures when available.
5. Include appropriate evidence based or consensus interventions to be tested for improvement
6. Include appropriate prospective and repetitive data collection and reporting of performance data to support effective assessment of the impact of the interventions over 2 or more improvement cycles. Recommend use of run charts and control charts to analyze and display data.
7. Represent an attempt at translation or implementation of an improvement into routine care, or the dissemination or spread of an existing improvement into practice.
8. Possess sufficient and appropriate resources to support the successful conclusion of the activity without introducing a conflict of interest

# Standards and Guidelines

1. The QI effort is directly related to the physician's clinical practice or process that affect clinical outcomes
2. The physician is actively involved over a period of time preferably through at least two improvement cycles in order to understand and experience basic QI principles
3. The physician is able verify that they have met with the improvement team, reviewed their performance data, helped develop suggested changes to improve care, and personally reflected on the impact of the activity on their practice

# Standards and Guidelines

1. A formal agreement must exist between the Portfolio Sponsor and the additional organization(s)
2. The organizations must share a commitment to quality improvement and support of MOC
3. An identified person or team from the approved Portfolio Sponsor must be responsible for overseeing the approved activity(s) and the attestation process
4. A process must be agreed upon for identification and prioritization of organizational quality improvement efforts across the affiliated entities that would qualify for MOC credit
5. The requirements for meaningful participation in an approved activity must be the same across the involved organizations
6. The affiliate organization must agree that final adjudication of disputes rests with the sponsor organization

# Why Organizations Participate

- Physicians can earn MOC Part IV credit for participating in health care QI efforts that originate within their local organization
- Organizations can use MOC credit to involve physicians in QI efforts that are aligned with organizational priorities and goals
- Reduces effort and time associated with applying to multiple ABMS Member Boards for approval of one or more QI efforts
- Reduces cost associated with obtaining MOC Part IV approval for multiple QI efforts that span multiple medical specialties
- Portfolio Sponsors are able to approve their own QI efforts for MOC Part IV credit from participating ABMS Member Boards
- Fosters communication among Portfolio Sponsors to learn and share successful QI practices



# Portfolio Sponsors

- Advocate Physician Partners
- ABMS Research and Education Foundation
- Better Health Greater Cleveland
- Carolinas Healthcare System
- Cleveland Clinic
- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- Envision New Mexico
- HealthTeamWorks
- HealthPartners
- Marshfield Clinic
- Mayo Clinic
- Medical Society of Virginia Foundation
- Medical University of South Carolina
- Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- New York State Department of Health
- North Shore-LIJ Hospital
- Partners Healthcare
- Permanente Federation
- Sentara Healthcare
- Seton Healthcare Family
- University of Colorado
- University of Kentucky
- University of Michigan
- University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
- University of Texas Health Science Center
- University of Utah
- University of Wisconsin
- Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
- Virginia Mason Medical Center

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## Participating ABMS Member Boards

Allergy and Immunology

Otolaryngology

Anesthesiology

Pathology

Dermatology

Pediatrics

Emergency Medicine

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Family Medicine

Preventive Medicine

Internal Medicine

Psychiatry and Neurology

Medical Genetics

Surgery

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Thoracic Surgery

Ophthalmology

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# Approved QI Efforts by Topic

## **Crosscutting operational topics:**

- Access
- Communication
- Compliance
- Documentation
- Efficiency
- Health Literacy
- Immunizations/vaccinations
- Length of Stay
- Medical Home
- Patient Satisfaction
- Readmissions
- Teamwork
- Transitions of Care
- Asthma
- Cardiovascular/Heart
- Cancer/Screening
- CLABSI
- Diabetes
- Hand Hygiene
- HIV
- Hypertension
- Obesity
- Patient Safety
- Prescriptions
- Preventive Care
- Sepsis
- Surgical Site Infections
- Other

**Over 400 QI efforts approved to date**

# Applying to the Portfolio Program

- Application process is online and available through the MOC Activity Manager at:  
[www.mocactivitymanager.org](http://www.mocactivitymanager.org)
- Application for participation has 5 components:
  - 1 Organizational Profile
    - The Organizational Profile gives an overview of the organization including how QI efforts are developed and administered
  - 3 Quality Improvement Efforts
    - The QI efforts should demonstrate the organization's success at development and implementing QI efforts across a range of specialties
  - 1 Participation Agreement
    - The agreement indicates the organization's acceptance to adhere to the program's standards and guidelines

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **Fees:** \$1,000 upon final submission of an application. \$5,000 if approved as a Portfolio Sponsor
- **Approval term:** 2 years
- **Maximum number of QI efforts approved:** no limit
- **Maximum number of physicians who can receive credit:** maximum number of physicians affiliated with the Portfolio Sponsor
- **Understanding MOC:** Periodic webinars and training opportunities are available
- **Prescribed QI methodology:** any improvement method can be used
  - PDSA/PDCA, Six Sigma (DMAIC), LEAN, Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI), Total Quality Management (TQM)



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