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Maintenance of Certification (MOC) is a voluntary process during which pediatricians not only pursue the improvement of healthcare for children but also demonstrate their advanced knowledge and commitment to lifelong learning. Pediatricians who participate in MOC learn how to measure quality of care and effectively improve their practice.

The four-part MOC process was adopted by all 24 member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and is designed to continuously assess the six core physician competencies throughout a pediatrician's career. The six core competencies adopted by the ABMS and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education are outlined as followed:

1. Patient Care
2. Medical Knowledge
3. Practice-based Learning and Improvement
4. Interpersonal and Communication Skills
5. Professionalism
6. Systems-based Practice

These competencies are just one element of the four-part MOC process, helping to assure the public that pediatricians involved in MOC are continually demonstrating clinical competence.

PART 1: Professional Standing

Pediatricians hold valid, unrestricted medical licensure.

PART 2: Knowledge Assessment

Pediatricians assess and enhance knowledge in areas important to their practice using activities developed by the ABP and other organizations.

PART 3: Cognitive Expertise

Pediatricians pass a secure examination every ten years.

PART 4: Performance in Practice

Pediatricians participate in a range of ABP developed or approved quality improvement projects designed to assess and improve the quality of patient care.



- The Verification of Certification tool offered on the ABP's Web site is a simple way to verify if a pediatrician is certified and meeting the requirements of Maintenance of Certification.
- The Verification of Certification page on this Web site is consistent with Joint Commission, National Committee for Quality Assurance, and other standards for primary source verification, for diplomates currently certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. All certification information is drawn directly from our certification database and is updated each business day.