Pediatricians who are certified in general pediatrics and are now in subspecialty fellowship training are often unsure of what they need to do to remain certified. Maintaining your certification assures the public (parents, patients, hospitals, payers) that you continue to meet the same high standards through which you earned your certificate.

What are the Requirements to Remain Certified?

To view your requirements, track your progress, or search for approved activities, please check your ABP Portfolio (www.abp.org).

How Does Fellowship Change My Requirements?

- Being in fellowship does NOT exempt you from the 100 MOC points required during each five-year cycle
- While MOC points and CME credit hours often overlap, they are not the same.
  - Only ABP-approved CME activities qualify for MOC points, to benefit your board certification.
  - CME can be required for your state medical license.
- For every 12 months of ACGME-accredited fellowship training that you complete within your five-year cycle, you will receive 10 points in Part 2 and 10 points in Part 4. (Points are awarded by November 1 each year.)
- Passing the initial certifying exam in your subspecialty will extend your current MOC cycle by one year.

What Qualifies for Self-Assessment Points?

- ABP-developed activities such as Question of the Week, Decision Skills, and other topic-specific self-assessments
- Attest to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) education
- Credit earned through UpToDate
- Credit for resuscitation certifications (ACLS, PALS, BLS, and NRP)
- ABP-approved self-assessment activities through organizations such as the AAP
- Many other CME activities that also meet ABP requirements (https://www.cmepassport.org/)

What Qualifies for Quality Improvement (QI) Points?

- Attest to QI work related to COVID-19 (telemedicine, vaccine administration, office triage, infection control, etc.)
- QI projects completed at your institution and approved by the ABP (1-10 pediatricians)
- ABP-approved institutional QI projects (more than 10 pediatricians)
- NCQA PCMH or PCSP recognition
- ABP-developed Performance Improvement Modules (PIMs)
- ABP-approved QI online modules such as EQIPP with the AAP
Did You Know?

✓ You can access a letter of good standing at any time from your ABP Portfolio.

✓ Meeting requirements with another ABMS board or in Canada may qualify you for reciprocal credit for Self-Assessment and QI.

✓ Regardless of how many certifications you maintain, you need only 100 points within each five-year cycle.

✓ ABP-developed self-assessments and Performance Improvement Modules (PIM) are included in the cost of enrollment.

✓ You can meet your exam requirement by either passing MOCA-Peds or a proctored exam at a secure testing center. Visit www.abp.org/mocapeds for more information on MOCA-Peds.

✓ You may choose to pay your enrollment fee in annual payments or continue to pay the full fee once every five years.

✓ Each time you enroll in a new MOC cycle, your point totals reset. However, if you earn 75 or more Part 4 points in one cycle, you can roll over 25 points to your next MOC cycle.

✓ Missing the deadline for ANY of your cycle requirements means you will no longer be certified in ANY area where you do not have a permanent certification. To regain certification, you can re-enroll and complete any missing requirements.

✓ Not passing the exam or MOCA-Peds deadline means that you are no longer certified in that area, unless you have a permanent certification in that area. To regain certification, you will have to pass your exam.

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