

# The Buzz

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## ABIM Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) recently began reporting Meeting MOC Requirements for their diplomates. ABIM has defined their MOC program on the **diplomate level**. This type of reporting is different than the other member boards, which report on the **certificate level**. At this time all diplomates certified by ABIM will reflect one "Yes" or "No" depending on their participation status in MOC.

If a diplomate is meeting the MOC requirements for **any of their certifications/sub-certifications**, "Yes" will be reported as their status. If the diplomate is not meeting the MOC requirements for **any of their certificates**, "No" will be reported. Profiles for ABIM diplomates with lifetime certificates will also include a "Yes" or "No" designation. However, they are not required to participate in MOC if their only certification(s) are lifetime.

NOTE: the Meeting MOC Requirements section is for informational purposes only. If the certification indicates a valid time-limited date, reverification date or a lifetime certification, but "No" for Meeting MOC Requirements, that diplomate is still certified.

For your reference below are several profile examples.

### Example 1

In this example the diplomate does not have a general certificate and has not re-certified in one sub-specialty. However, one sub-certification is current. ABIM allows their diplomates to maintain only a sub-specialty without a general certification.

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The Meeting MOC Requirements status from ABIM is "Yes" because the diplomate has one current certificate and is participating in MOC.

**AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**CERTIFICATION(S):**

Internal Medicine **NOT CERTIFIED** 08/26/1998 – 12/31/2008

**SUBCERTIFICATION(S):**

Geriatric Medicine **NOT CERTIFIED** 11/08/2000 – 12/31/2010

Medical Oncology 11/03/2004 – 12/31/2014

**AMERICAN BOARD OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE**

**SUBCERTIFICATION(S):**

Clinical Informatics 01/01/2014 – 01/31/2024



**Meeting Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Requirements**

American Board of Internal Medicine Yes

American Board of Preventive Medicine  
Clinical Informatics Yes

**Example 2**

In this example the diplomate is not certified by ABIM, but is certified by a second board. The Meeting MOC Requirements status from ABIM is "No" because the diplomate is not certified by that board and not participating in MOC. Note the difference in reporting (diplomate level vs. certificate level) between the two boards.

**AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**CERTIFICATION(S):**

Internal Medicine **NOT CERTIFIED** 08/21/1996 – 12/31/2006

**AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY**

**CERTIFICATION(S):**

Surgery 09/23/2002 – 07/01/2013, 12/03/2012 – 07/01/2023



**Meeting Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Requirements**

American Board of Internal Medicine No

American Board of Surgery  
Surgery Yes

### Example 3

In this example the diplomate is certified by ABIM and is participating in MOC. ABIM is reporting the Meeting MOC Requirements status as "Yes."

#### AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

##### **CERTIFICATION(S):**

Internal Medicine MOC 08/19/2013–, Reverification 04/01/2015



##### Meeting Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Requirements

American Board of Internal Medicine

Yes

### Example 4

In this example the diplomate holds a lifetime certificate issued by ABIM. The diplomate has chosen not to participate in MOC, but the diplomate is still certified. ABIM is reporting "No" for the status of Meeting MOC Requirements.

#### AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

##### **CERTIFICATION(S):**

Internal Medicine 09/10/1986\*

\*Lifetime certification in this certificate. Dates separated by a comma indicate voluntary recertification. MOC participation is voluntary, but is not required for Lifetime certificates.



##### Meeting Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Requirements

American Board of Internal Medicine

No

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) is lifelong training for diplomates that was established by each of the 24 Member Boards in 2000. The guidelines for measuring MOC participation vary by board. You can find more details about MOC in the archived issues of The Buzz located on the BCD home page. The Resources and FAQs pages also include additional information.

## ABS Updates



The American Board of Surgery (ABS) completed a data clean-up project that included updates to diplomate names. For example, R. Smith will now include the full first name, Robert Smith. These updates will make it easier for you to find the diplomates when searching by name on BCD.

ABS is also in the process of transitioning certificates from the academic year to the calendar year. All current certificates now expire on December 31 of the expiration year, rather than July 1. For example, certificates that expire July 1, 2014 are now extended to December 31, 2014.

If a BCD profile includes an ABS expired certificate, they are still active unless **NOT CERTIFIED** is displayed for that certificate. We are working with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) to obtain all the updates from ABS. You can contact our Editorial Team at 314-447-8597 or [abms.feedback@elsevier.com](mailto:abms.feedback@elsevier.com), if you need clarification on the status of a specific ABS diplomate.

## News and Announcements Summary



**Radiology and Hospital Medicine Profiles:** The reverification dates 3/15/2014 on Radiology profiles were updated to 3/15/2015 if the diplomate is current with MOC. The reverification dates of 4/1/2014 on Internal Medicine Hospital Medicine Focused Practice profiles were also updated to 4/1/2015 for diplomates who are current with MOC. If you have Alerts set up on one or more of these diplomates, you should have received a notification.

**South Dakota State Licenses** no longer include license numbers or issue dates. Only the expiration dates are displayed on BCD profiles. The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is working with the South Dakota board to hopefully restore the information. You can set up an Alert on BCD to notify you if we receive that information on one or multiple profiles by selecting the option to be notified of any changes to the profile(s).

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