

Need Help Navigating **Rheumatology**
Maintenance of Certification?

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Lifelong Learning with ACR

Self-assessment modules are a key component of the lifelong learning requirements for the American Board of Internal Medicine Maintenance of Certification program. The ACR offers the Continuing Assessment, Review and Evaluation medical knowledge modules and the Assess, Improve, Measure practice improvement modules.

Although these modules are an integral part of the recertification process of the ABIM, they are designed to be highly effective educational tools for all rheumatologists, regardless of the need for recertification. The self-assessment tools are developed by leading experts in the field with self-assessment questions, detailed explanations of correct responses, and tools for benchmarking against other rheumatologists. The self-assessment tools offer all ACR members an opportunity for updates in a variety of practical and clinically relevant areas.

www.rheumatology.org/education

steps

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2. Earn 100 self-evaluation points
3. Pass the secured exam

1. enroll

To remain Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, rheumatologists who were certified in 1990 or later need to recertify every ten years by enrolling in and completing ABIM's Maintenance of Certification program. The MOC includes a secure computer-based examination and self-assessment in medical knowledge and practice improvement, which can be done at any time throughout the certification cycle.

The American College of Rheumatology has made a commitment to help you, as a rheumatologist understand and navigate the MOC process. We have designed several self-assessment tools and offer exam preparation courses throughout the year to create a manageable process for you.

The first step for recertification is to enroll in MOC by visiting www.abim.org/moc.

There are **three** components required for the ABIM MOC program:

1. Be licensed and in good standing
2. Earn 100 self-evaluation points*, which must include:
 - 20 points from medical knowledge
 - 20 points from practice performance
 - 60 points from either medical knowledge, practice performance or a combination
3. Pass the secured exam

**If you are renewing multiple certificates, no additional self-evaluation points are required, provided that the 100 points you have earned are valid at the time each certificate expires. However, you will have to take multiple recertification exams.*





2. assess

Here is where the ACR can help you! The second step for recertification is to begin self-evaluation modules and earn credit towards your 100 self-evaluation points. You can complete self-evaluation components at any point in the MOC process after enrollment, beginning as early as year one. The ACR offers several modules that help you earn MOC self evaluation points and prepare for the MOC program.

20 points Knowledge (CARE)

20 points Practice Improvement (AIM)

+ 60 points Knowledge or PIM (CARE or AIM)

100 points of Self-Evaluation

Self-Evaluation of Medical Knowledge

(20 points minimum)

CARE



The **CARE** modules are the ACR's online self-assessment tool for medical knowledge that include relevant clinical case-based questions reflecting the "exam blueprint" content areas ABIM uses for the rheumatology MOC exam. Three CARE modules are always available and a new module is released every year in the fall. Each version includes answer rationales, images and over 100 educational reference links, and no questions are repeated. **At the successful conclusion of a CARE module, participants submit their scores to the ABIM to receive 20* or 30* MOC points in medical knowledge.**

**The number of MOC points depends on the size of the module. Sixty-question CARE modules are eligible for 20 MOC points and 75-question CARE modules are eligible for 30 MOC points.*



Special Interactive Package

Rheumatology Maintenance of Certification Course

Each spring, the ACR holds an interactive review course designed to help rheumatologists prepare for the ABIM MOC Rheumatology exam and some find it useful for lifelong learning. As an added bonus, all attendees receive FREE access to the most recently released CARE module as the content for this course is specifically based on that module. **After the course, attendees submit their answers in the CARE module to receive 30 MOC points in medical knowledge and/or receive up to 15.5 credit hours of CARE for attendance at the course.**

RECERTIFICATION PLEDGE

The ACR pledges to assist each participant pass the ABIM Maintenance of Certification Exam in Rheumatology. If you complete the ACR Rheumatology Maintenance of Certification Course and do not pass the ABIM MOC exam, you may attend the following year's Rheumatology Maintenance of Certification Course or enroll in a current CARE module for no charge – simply provide the ACR with a copy of your ABIM test results notification letter.

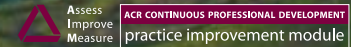
ACR/ABIM Maintenance of Certification Learning Session – Rheumatology Update

Each year at the ACR/ARHP Annual Scientific Meeting, the ACR offers a pre-conference course where clinical experts lead attendees through 25 case-based questions from the ABIM's latest Update Module. **After the session, attendees complete their online copy of the module and submit their answers online to receive 10 MOC points in medical knowledge.**

Self-Evaluation of Practice Performance

(20 points minimum)

AIM



AIM modules are the ACR's online self-assessment tools for practice performance. AIM offers physicians a tool to assess and improve their practice. After submitting de-identified patient data, physicians receive an automated report supported by evidence-based quality measures that will identify their practice's strengths and areas for improvement. In addition, physicians will develop and implement an improvement plan and assess the impact of practice changes through chart re-measurement. Two AIM modules are available, one focusing on interactions with rheumatoid arthritis patients and the other with gout patients. **At the conclusion of an AIM module, participants can report completion to the ABIM to receive 20 MOC points in practice performance.**

3. test

Additional ACR Study Tools

While the following products do not offer ABIM MOC points, they do provide physicians with invaluable assistance in self-study.

Rheumatology Image Bank

As some ABIM questions require interpretation of pictorial material such as histologic and radiographic findings in rheumatic disease, the Rheumatology Image Bank is a great resource to test your knowledge. Explore thousands of images of rheumatic diseases ranging from common conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and gout to rare conditions including multicentric reticulohistiocytosis, relapsing polychondritis and the various heritable disorders of the connective tissue. Visit <http://images.rheumatology.org> to begin viewing this extensive collection.

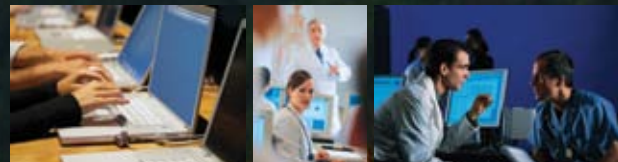
SessionSelect

Looking for additional opportunities for self-assessment? The ACR's official library of conference recordings, *SessionSelect* allows users the flexibility to connect and view an archive of recorded educational presentations and scientific discoveries presented at select ACR/ARHP educational activities. This tool offers access to information and research relevant to rheumatic diseases. Visit www.acrmeetings.com to connect to this convenient online library.

Your final stop for recertification is registering for and taking the ABIM secure exam. This exam will ask you to demonstrate your understanding in the broad domain of rheumatology and the diagnosis and treatment of both common and rare conditions that have important consequences for patients. MOC examinations are offered twice a year by ABIM—in spring and fall.

To find exam dates and information on how to schedule your exam, visit www.abim.org/rheumexam.

Reminder: You are eligible to schedule an exam appointment in years six through 10 of your certification so you can take the exam before, during or after you complete your self-evaluation requirements.



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Need more information on Maintenance of Certification?

Visit the ACR Maintenance of Certification web page at www.rheumatology.org/education for more information about our MOC accredited modules and how we can help you navigate ABIM's MOC program.

If you have any questions for ABIM about Maintenance of Certification, please call **1-800-441-2246** or visit www.abim.org/moc.