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A Message From
the ACR:
**ABIM Announces
Changes to
MOC Program**

Dear ACR Members,

Yesterday the American Board of Internal Medicine sent an email to all diplomates issuing an apology for its Maintenance of Certification program, stating, "We got it wrong. We're sorry."

The ACR is encouraged by the reflective tone of the [ABIM's announcement](#) to modify its MOC program. We believe the immediate suspension of the Practice Assessment, Patient Voice and Patient Safety requirements for at least two years is a step in the right direction. However, there is still much work to be done.

In response to the ABIM's announcement and our members' feedback, the ACR will continue to advocate ensuring future changes to the MOC program are evidence based and include examination reform, reduction of fees and reduction of redundancies between medical boards and state licensing requirements.

The ACR will continue collaboration with other medical subspecialty societies to work with the ABIM, on your behalf. Our ultimate goal is to ensure we are representing you and providing meaningful educational resources. Please continue to send your suggestions for MOC reform to MOC@rheumatology.org.

In addition, we encourage you to review the ABIM [FAQ](#) and share your thoughts directly with the ABIM by joining their [Google+ Community](#).

The ACR leadership is committed to engaging heavily with the ABIM to help expedite evolution, and we thank you for your continued feedback.

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P.S. If you are currently enrolled in an ACR Practice Improvement module (AIM: RA and AIM: Gout) and/or the RISE Pilot Program, you will receive a follow-up email from ACR staff next week explaining the options. ACR staff is also working to update our website to reflect ABIM's

announcement.



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