In January 2016, ABIM closed the survey to test four formats to replace the 10-year MOC exam. A change in format supports the ACR's position that the current secure, closed-book, high-stakes examination is not appropriate for recertification. To date, recommendations and a timeline have not been released and we anticipate implementation will take some time. We recognize that assessment drives learning; however, we will continue to engage with the ABIM to advocate for meaningful change.

To effect change as soon as the fall 2016 examination, ABIM is seeking feedback from board-certified rheumatologists to ensure that the MOC exam content (referred to as the "blueprint") appropriately covers disease areas and concepts that are reflective of a practicing rheumatologist, which has been an important concern expressed by ACR members. We encourage those who are not familiar with the current Rheumatology MOC Blueprint to review it before completing the survey.

To impact the fall 2016 examination, ABIM needs a timely, robust and representative response, incorporating input from as many rheumatologists as possible, by March 31. After March 31, ABIM will continue to collect feedback through September 2016 that will be used for future examinations.

You can access the review tool through your ABIM "My Home Page" after logging into www.abim.org. Then select the link "Rate exam topics with our Blueprint Review Tool." You can choose to review one section, multiple sections or the entire blueprint. It will take an estimated 15 to 20 minutes to rate each blueprint section.

If at any time you need assistance, please send an email to ABIMBlueprintReview@abim.org. To review the ACR's most recent responses to MOC reform, visit our website.

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