



MOC Update

Dear ACR Members,

Today ABIM [announced](#) plans to offer a new MOC option in January 2018. The new, first option will be available for Internal Medicine MOC and possibly one to two specialties. The current 10-year examination will remain a second available option. Both options will reflect feedback received during the past year from certified physicians and medical specialty societies. The new option will comprise shorter assessments that physicians can choose to take on their personal or office computer more frequently than every 10 years, but no more than annually. ABIM intends to provide specific details about the new alternative assessment option by Dec. 31, 2016, following a public comment period.

What does this mean for rheumatologists?

- At this stage it is not known if the rheumatology MOC exam will be impacted in January 2018.
- If your internal medicine and/or rheumatology certificates expire by Dec. 31, 2016 and/or Dec. 31, 2017, you must pass the current 10-year examination and complete all MOC requirements to remain certified.
- If your internal medicine and/or rheumatology certificates expire by Dec. 31, 2018 or later, you can expect to have an alternative to the 10-year exam for internal medicine. It may also mean a new option for the rheumatology assessment then or shortly thereafter.
- If you're "grandparented" with a time unlimited certificate in internal medicine and/or rheumatology and your 10-year assessment is due before Dec. 31, 2017, you must pass the current 10-year examination and complete all MOC requirements to be considered "Participating in MOC."
- If you're "grandparented" with a time unlimited certificate in internal medicine and/or rheumatology and your 10-year assessment is due by Dec. 31, 2018 or later, you can expect to have an alternative assessment for internal medicine and possibly rheumatology.

The ACR continues to advocate...for its members regarding these alternative formats. In alignment with our [MOC Position Statement](#), which recognizes that assessment drives learning and should be used to guide physicians' self-directed study, we will continue to push for access to clinical decision-making tools in an open-book, take home assessment or inclusion of current CME activities that consider assessment to be the appropriate option.

Check out ABIM's [FAQs](#) and reach out to [ABIM](#) directly if you have questions about meeting your

specific MOC requirements.

As always, [ACR staff](#) are available to assist with questions or if you want to provide feedback. To review the ACR's most recent responses to MOC reform, visit our [website](#).

Sincerely,



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