WHAT’S NEW WITH AOBPMR CERTIFICATION

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Where are we Now?

- Demand for certification options has grown, and the potential diplomate pool for initial and OCC is larger due to the Single Accreditation System.
- There is an opportunity to reach the full market of DOs, and provide a certification pathway for MDs.
- AOBPMR has remained competitive by offering residents the ability to test early prior to training completion.
- AOBPMR has also kept its exam fees at a reasonable rate compared to ABPMR ($3305 for Parts I&II).
Where are We Going?

- AOBPMR is now offering Computer-Based Exams!
- AOBPMR is moving towards eliminating the Oral exam as part of the Initial Certification exam!
- CBS (Certifying Board Services) is piloting technology to deliver exams, developing platforms that support continuous assessment!
- All certifying boards will now have a maximum of 8 members. Board members will focus on the content of the exams and these new innovative initiatives and models for certification.
- Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) will be utilized for content development and examiners for onsite Oral and Practical exams.
There is some misunderstanding that AOA is proposing to eliminate osteopathic content. This is *not* the case.

AOA will continue to offer osteopathic specialty board certification options for DOs who wish to validate their mastery of osteopathic principles and practice.
Osteopathic Continuous Certification: Do you mean continuous confusion? We understand, and we are here to help!!

- We are excited to communicate new updates regarding OCC that we feel are diplomate-centric.
- These new updates continue to uphold the integrity of certification while NOT overburdening our diplomates.
- We know our Osteopathic physicians are committed to patient-centric care. The new changes to the OCC process reflect this knowledge and understanding of how Osteopathic physicians approach patient health.
The new standards eliminate the requirement for specialty-specific CME. Each individual certifying board has set its own CME standards for osteopathic continuous certification.

Also, changes were made to the types of CME credit awarded for specific activities.
What is AOBPMR Requiring from you for CME per 3 year cycle?

- AOBPMR’s requirement is that diplomates obtain 60 CME credits per 3 year cycle. There is no requirement for categories of CME.
Component 3- Cognitive Assessment

- AOBPMR is committed to innovative new OCC approaches to promote and assess continuous learning and make it more relevant to practice.
Component 4- Practice Performance Assessment

- Component 4 has been the most challenging component of OCC. AOBPMR wants to ensure to uphold the integrity of the requirements while maintaining a program that is not too burdensome or too costly for AOBPMR diplomates.

- The Standards Review Committee of the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists approved a Quality Improvement Attestation for all Boards to utilize for Component 4 of OCC.

- AOBPMR has approved this attestation to be submitted and meet the requirement equivalent to one PPA.
Component 4- Practice Performance Assessment

- The attestation can be located on the Physician Portal.
- The attestation is available via the physician portal:  
  https://physicianportal.osteopathic.org/
- Log in and click on OCC, scroll down to component 4 and then click on “Submit a component 4 attestation.”
Component 5- No More Membership Requirement but that doesn’t mean you should miss out on the following Membership benefits:

- **Opportunities to connect** with colleagues and mentor next-generation physicians.

- **Protection of your practice and reimbursement rights**, plus advocacy on critical public policy issues.

- **Professional growth with CME**, including access to tracME and CME activities to monitor and meet your certification requirements.

- **The latest news and research updates** via e-newsletters and *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*.

- **Expert assistance on student loan repayment strategies**, including a free refinancing analysis and 20% off consulting fees.

- **Discounts and special offers** on AOA conferences, travel insurance, personal finance, car purchasing or leasing, and more.
THANK YOU!!
QUESTIONS?