

## The Latest With MOC

ACC President C. Michael Valentine, MD, FACC, SCAI President David A. Cox, MD, MSCAI, FACC, HRS President Thomas F. Deering, MD, FHRS, FACC, and HFSA President Randall C. Starling, MD, FACC, provide guidance to cardiovascular professionals seeking to navigate Maintenance of Certification (MOC) in 2019 and beyond as part of a joint Leadership Page published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

They provide an overview of the American Board of Internal Medicine's "Knowledge Check-In" option as an alternative to the traditional 10-year exam and outlines a third option known as the Collaborative Maintenance Pathway that ABIM and the ACC (with the strong collaboration of SCAI, HRS and HFSA) have initiated with the purpose of marrying the concept of lifelong learning to the assessment requirement of MOC.

Meanwhile, the ACC recently responded to a request for public comment on continuing board education from the Vision for the Future Commission.

The letter includes 15 specific recommendations based on the following general principles:

1. continuing certification should constitute an integrated program with standards for lifelong learning and assessment
2. patients are best served by physicians participating in a formative, not summative, maintenance of certification process
3. the MOC process should limit its scope to medical knowledge of patient care and not practice improvements or other areas outside this scope; and
4. the cost of the MOC process, including time away from practice, remains an issue for physicians.

The Commission will submit its final report to the American Board of Medical Specialties this month.

## New Versions of ACCSAP, CathSAP and EPSAP Just Released

The College has released three brand new self-assessment programs: ACCSAP, CathSAP, developed in collaboration with the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, and EP SAP, developed in collaboration with the Heart Rhythm Society.

Users will now get five years of access and all three products have moved to a continuous update model, with new science and guidelines added yearly.

Each product includes learning material and practice questions that offer both CME credit and MOC Medical Knowledge points. Plus, ECME credit and Canadian MOC credit are now available for users outside the U.S.