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ACP Supportive of ABIM Plans to Develop Longitudinal Assessment Option for Continuing Certification

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ABIM's recently announced [plans](#) to develop a longitudinal assessment as an option in addition to their point-in-time examinations align with [recommendations](#) put forth by the American Board of Medical Specialties' Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future Commission and with [ACP's comments](#) submitted to the Commission.

ACP is committed to ongoing professional development and lifelong learning and to representing our members' needs for continuing certification programs consistent with our [professional accountability principles](#). We look forward to supporting ABIM in developing options that emphasize learning, offer flexibility and choice, and that meet the needs of internal medicine specialists and subspecialists as well as the patients they serve.

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