

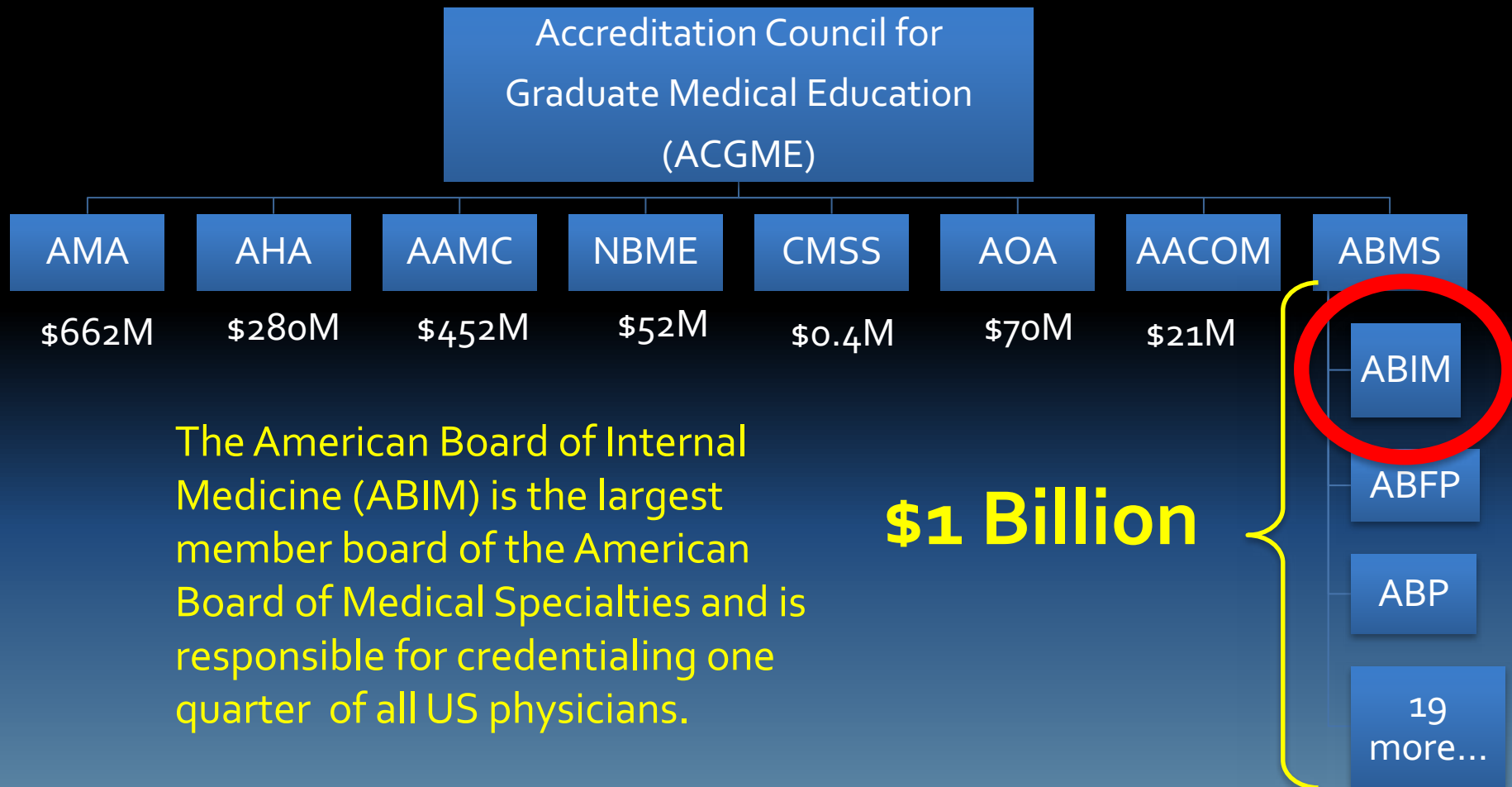


**US Physician Credentialing and
ABMS Maintenance of Certification:
Medicine's House of Cards**

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U.S. Medical Credentialing System

Cumulative Assets - 2014



ABIM Created
1936

My ABIM "Board Certification" Story

Lifetime Cert

- 1986- Unilateral Decision to Implement Time-Limited Certification
- 1989 –WF Internal Medicine (#127308) "Grandfather"

Age Discrimination

1990

- 1990 – All FUTURE Board Certification Becomes Time-limited and must be MAINTAINED every 10 years (MOC is born)
- 1993 – WF Cardiovascular Disease
- 1994 – WF Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology
- 2003 – WF Cardiovascular Disease
- 2004 – WF Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology
- 2013 – WF Cardiovascular Disease
- 2014 – WF Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology

Maintenance of Certification

Increasing Complexity and Cost

2017

Defining Physician "Quality"

- Patient Definition

- Years of Experience
- Good Communicator
 - Eye contact
 - Detailed history
 - Physical Exam
- Knowledgeable
- Constantly learning / applies new knowledge
- Empathic
- Surgical dexterity

- ABIM/ABMS Definition

- Believes medicine best learned on computer
- Memorizes well
- Willing to pay \$23,000 every 10 years
- Willing to be coerced to sign legal contract promising secrecy
- Accepts old database questions as gospel
- Doesn't ask questions
- Can pass a test

Cost Analysis of MOC[®] Re-certification

- \$23,607 per internist every 10 years (95% CI, \$5380 to \$66,383)
- 2015: Cumulatively MOC costs \$5.7 Billion/10 years
- TIME: 32.7 million physician-hours spent on MOC

Sandhu AT, Dudley RA, Kazi DS. The Cost Analysis of American Board of Internal Medicine's Maintenance of Certification Program. *Ann intern Med* 2015; 163(6): 401-408. doi:10.7326/M15-1011

No Proof of Improved Patient Care Quality or Reduced Admissions

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Revenue and Expenses

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

REVENUE \$54.5 Million (FY 2014)

- Maintenance of Certification - 44%
- Certification - 54%
- Other Income - 2%

EXPENSES \$59.2 Million (FY 2014)

Expenses include salaries, overhead and other out-of-pocket costs.

Navigation menu items: About ABIM, Governance, Executives, Revenue and Expenses, ABIM Exam Information & Statistics, Publications, Affiliated Organizations & Links, Career Center, Contact ABIM

ABIM Bylaws Changed 1998

Okay for Board to Have Unlimited Conflicts

**REVISED BYLAWS OF
THE AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE**

(Revised October 6, 1998)

ARTICLE I

OFFICES

Section 1-1. The registered office of The American Board of Internal Medicine, hereinafter referred to as "the Board", shall be in the City of Des Moines, Iowa. The principal office of the Board shall be located in the City of Philadelphia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Board may have such other offices as the affairs of the Board may require from time to time.

Section 9-5. The Board may accept gifts, grants, devices or bequests of funds or any other property from any public or governmental body or any private person, including private and public foundations, corporations and individuals, for its corporate purposes.

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“Improving healthcare through advancement of medical professionalism?”

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The ABIM Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation established by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1999. Our mission is to improve health care through the advancement of medical professionalism.

We view our work as an ongoing conversation, with a diverse array of individuals and organizations, to continually define medical professionalism so that it is a vital force in our collective efforts to improve quality health care for all.

Through this website, we invite you to learn more about us and [our initiatives](#), join the medical professionalism discussion through [our blog](#), and [share your tools](#) and resources with others who are working to build an equitable, affordable and high quality health care system.

Established
1999?

About Us Webpage from abimfoundation.org website captured 5/23/2015

IRS Form 990

Where and When as ABIM Foundation Created?

Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation) ▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements	2012 Open to Public Inspection
A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2012, 2012, and ending 06-30-2013		
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization ABIM FOUNDATION Doing Business As Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 510 WALNUT STREET NO 1700 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 PHILADELPHIA, PA 191063699	D Employer identification number 23-2585181 E Telephone number (215) 446-3500 G Gross receipts \$ 74,850,274
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	F Name and address of principal officer VINCENT MANDES 510 WALNUT STREET NO 1700 PHILADELPHIA, PA 191063699	H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
J Website: ▶ WWW.ABIMFOUNDATION.ORG	K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	L Year of formation 1999 M State of legal domicile IA
Part I Summary		
1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities THE ABIM FOUNDATION IS WORKING TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE THROUGH ADVANCING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALISM INTO CLINICAL POLICY AND PRACTICE		

Where and When was ABIM Foundation Created?

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Date: 12/2/2014 **Business Entity Filing History**
(Select the link above to view the Business Entity's Filing History)

Business Name History

Name	Name Type
ABIM FOUNDATION	Current Name

Non-Profit (Non Stock) - Domestic - Information

Entity Number:	1531129
Status:	Active
Entity Creation Date:	10/17/1989
State of Business.:	PA
Registered Office Address:	510 WALNUT ST STE 1700
Mailing Address:	PHILADELPHIA PA 19106-3699 Philadelphia No Address

Created
10/17/1989
in PA

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How much money did ABIM Foundation have the year it was "created" in 1999?

Form **990** Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service
 Under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation) or section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust
 Note: The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

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B Check if:
 Change of address
 Initial return
 Final return
 Amended return
 Return prepared for another taxpayer

C Name of organization
ABIM FOUNDATION
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
510 WALNUT STREET, SUITE 1700
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP+4
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

D Employer identification number
23-2585181

E Telephone number
215-446-3500

F Check if exemption application is pending

G Type of organization Exempt under 501(c)(0-3) (insert number) OR section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust

Note: Section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts MUST attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990).

H(a) Is this a group return filed for affiliates? Yes No
 (a) If "Yes," enter the number of affiliates for which this return is filed: _____
 I If either box in H is checked "Yes," enter four-digit group exemption number (GEN) _____
 J Accounting method: Cash Accrual

(c) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No
 Other (specify) _____

K Check here if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if it received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.
 Note: Form 990-EZ may be used by organizations with gross receipts less than \$100,000 and total assets less than \$250,000 at end of year.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
a	Direct public support	1a	5,000,000.		
b	Indirect public support	1b			
c	Government contributions (grants)	1c			
d	Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (attach schedule of contributors) (cash \$ 5,000,000. non-cash \$)	1d	5,000,000.		
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2			
3	Membership dues and assessments	3			
4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4			
5	Dividends and interest from securities	5	1,215,048.		
6	Gross rents	6a			
b	Less: rental expenses	6b			
c	Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c			
7	Other investment income (describe)	7			
8	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	27,626,217.	(B) Other	
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	8a	22,690,912.	8b	
c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	8c	4,935,305.	8d	4,935,305.
9	Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, column (A) and (B))	9			
10	Gross sales of inventory	10			
b	Less: cost of inventory	10b			
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sale of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	10c			
11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11			
12	Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	12	11,150,353.		
13	Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13	664,099.		
14	Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14	284,834.		
15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15			
16	Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16			
17	Total expenses (add lines 13 and 14, column (A))	17	948,933.		
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	18	10,201,420.		
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19	46,247,684.		
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	3,169,324.		
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)	21	59,618,428.		

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\$59,618,428

SEE STATEMENT 3

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TY 2007 Cash Grants Paid Schedule

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EIN: 39-0866228

Class of Activity	Recipient's name	Address	Amount	Relationship
Funding for various research projects	ABIM FOUNDATION	510 WALNUT STREET SUITE 1700 Philadelphia, PA 19106	6,000,000	AFFILIATE




Self-proclaimed "research"

More "Research" at the ABIM

lines and requirements


IMPORTANT INFORMATION

 Please update your Practice Characteristics Survey, which has changed and is mandatory for all ABIM Board Certified physicians enrolled in Maintenance of Certification (MOC).

It will take about 15 minutes to complete.

Updating this profile helps ABIM:

- Update and improve MOC modules
- Ensure that our MOC modules are relevant to the majority of our certified physicians
- Identify similar types of practices for research purposes (this type of research has no impact on a physician's certification, but can be valuable in understanding how to improve health care)





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(8) was signed into law, there-
 subjects of Biomedical and
 to identify the basic ethical principles
 that should underlie the conduct of biomedical and behavioral research involving human subjects and
 to develop guidelines which should be followed to assure that such research is conducted in
 accordance with those principles. In carrying out the above, the Commission was directed to consider:

ABIM Foundation

Real Estate Investment Research in 2007?

Dr. Wes

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Retirement Fund Research?

- In 2014, \$6,516,936 were invested in Cayman Islands:



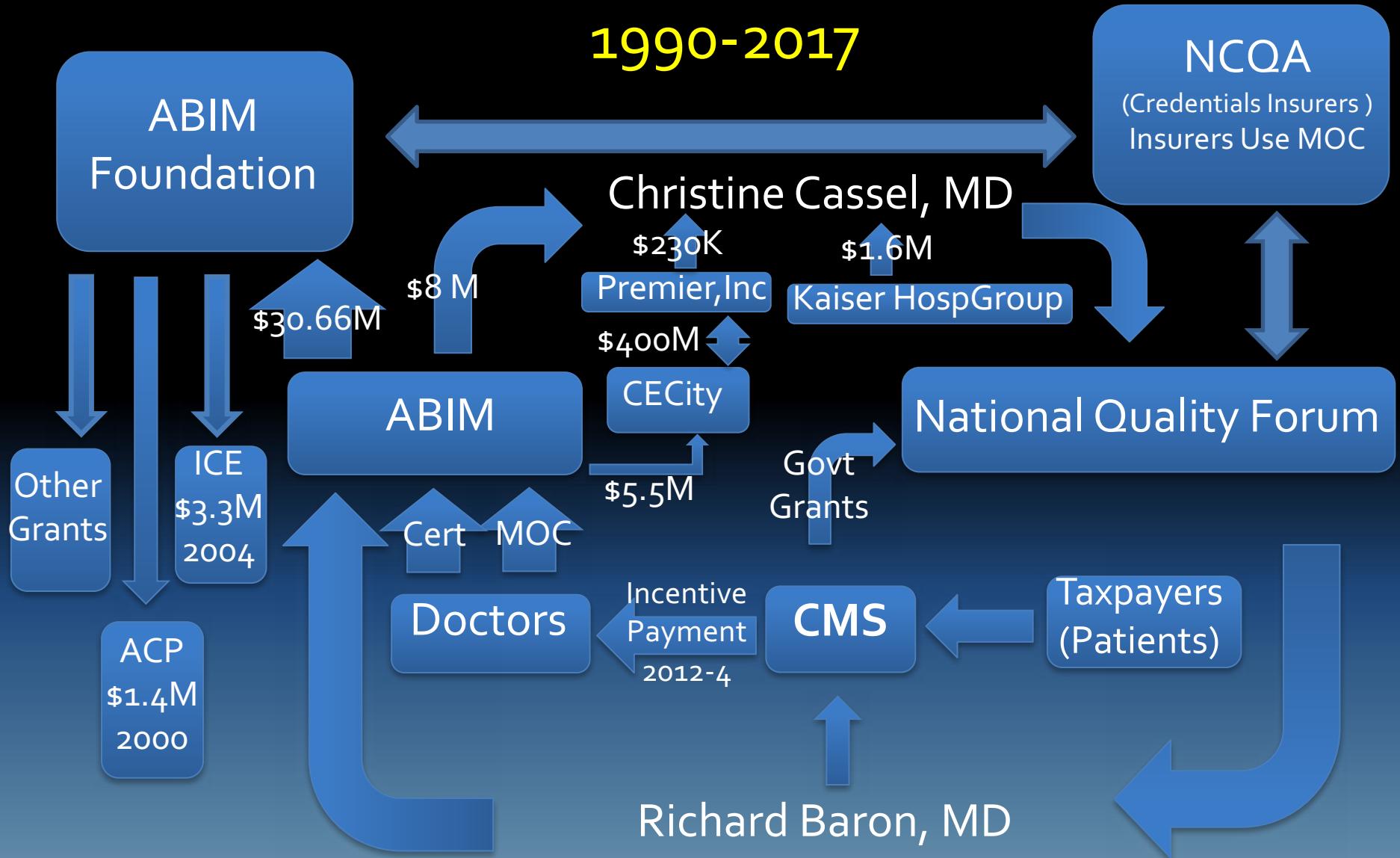
ABIM Foundation FY 2015 Offshore Investments*		
Date	Fund - Cayman Islands	Amount
1/1/14	Aurelius Capital International Ltd Cayman	\$640,710
9/1/14	Aurelius Capital International Ltd Cayman	\$118,650
7/1/14	Azentus Global Opportunities Fund Ltd Cayman	\$228,486
8/1/14	Fort Warren Opportunities Offshore Fund Ltd Cayman	\$830,550
7/1/14	Hudson Bay International Fund Cayman	\$711,900
6/1/14	Landsdowne UK Equity Fund Ltd Cayman	\$237,300
2/1/14	Windacre Partnership International Fund Ltd Cayman	\$1,186,500
10/1/14	Soroban Cayman Opporunities Fund Ltd	\$593,250
9/1/14	Rimrock High Income Plus (Cayman) Fund Ltd	\$711,900
7/1/14	Carrhae Capital Long Fund Ltd	\$783,090
	TOTAL:	\$6,042,336
	Dublin, Ireland Investments	
5/1/14	Palestra Capital Offshore Fund Ltd Cayman	\$474,600
	GRAND TOTAL OFFSHORE INVESTMENTS FY 2015	\$6,516,936
* Source: IRS Form 990		

- MOC and the ABIM Foundation- A Social Justice Experiment by ABIM/ABMS With Practicing Physicians As the Subjects?

- **What Happens to Experienced Physicians Who Fail MOC Exam?**
 - (Never Studied - No plans to do so)
- **What happens to patient care / patient access to care?**
 - (Never Studied – No plans to do so)
- **Numerous Corporate / Government Conflicts of Interest**
 - (Never scrutinized / no oversight)
- **How is Re-certification Data to be Sold / Protected / Utilized?**
 - (Never disclosed / studied / scrutinized – no protections / due process)

COIs: National Quality Forum and the ABIM

1990-2017



Key: ABIM (American Board of Internal Medicine); NCOA (National Committee for Quality Assurance); ACP (American College of Physicians), ICE (Institute of Clinical Evaluation), CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services), MOC (Maintenance of Certification)

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\$5,750 <small>ranks 5,904 of 16,875</small>	\$160,000 (2014) \$100,000 (2013) <small>ranks 963 of 4,072 in 2014</small>	\$0	0

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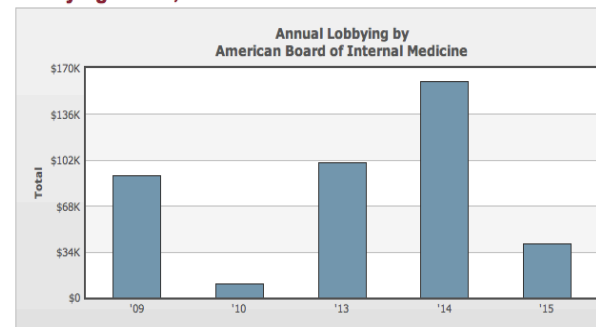
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What's Been Going On?

ABIM Strongman Tactics

- **ABIM "Director of Investigations" Ariel Benjamin Mannes 2008 – 2017**
 - Felony #006438: Received two convictions for (1) impersonating a police officer and (2) carrying unregistered firearm after assaulting night club patron in 2005. Lost appeal in 2008. Then hired by ABIM.
 - Coordinated ACGME-accredited Arora Board Review course "investigation" in 2009 **
 - Presented "evidence" to federal judge with Christine Cassel, MD and Rebecca Baranowski that resulted in issuance of sealed "writ to seize" of materials from Dr. Arora's home.
 - Home raid on Dr. Arora's residence conducted by Federal Marshals, Mr. Mannes, and ABIM's attorneys Hara Jacobs and Marc Joseph Weinstein
 - Emails on Dr. Arora's computers tracked and resulted in 134 sanctions and 5 suits filed by ABIM against residents in attendance at the course. Ms. Lynn Langdon (40-year non-physician employee of ABIM and COO) signs sanction letters.
 - Mannes served as Governor of Philadelphia Infragard with access to FBI, Postal Inspectors (FBI Infragard program prohibits felons from participating)
 - Consults to Am Board of Pediatrics and Am Board of Medical Specialties on Test Security, paid by ABIM. Owns business "Exam Integrity Services LLC" registered in FL in 2015
 - Kyterion and Caveon test security firm ties (Mr. Weinstein now on staff at Caveon)

* District of Columbia Court Cases Online, 2005 Felony Conviction #006438 at <https://www.dccourts.gov/cco/maincase.jsf>

** American Board of Internal Medicine vs Arora, et al. Case 2:09-cv-05707-JCJ at <http://pacer.gov>

What's Been Going On?

- Anti-trust? Racketeering?
 - 2013
 - Antitrust suit filed in NJ AAPS vs ABIM
 - Civil Case 3:13-cv-2609-PGS-LHG
 - Moved to US Federal District Court, Northern IL (pending)
but has not been touched in court docket since January 2015

It's Not Just the ABIM

- ABMS - profits selling physician credentialing info via for-profit **ABMS Solutions, LLC** in Georgia (listed in IL on tax forms)
- ABFM – Owns **ABFM Realty, LLC** and profits from managing \$4.2M office building they purchased with physician testing fees.
- ABP – Owns a 2.8 acre pond; CEO retired with \$2.4M in 2012, earned **\$793,438 in 2014** as consultant working 8 hrs/week
- Several member boards own **land only**.

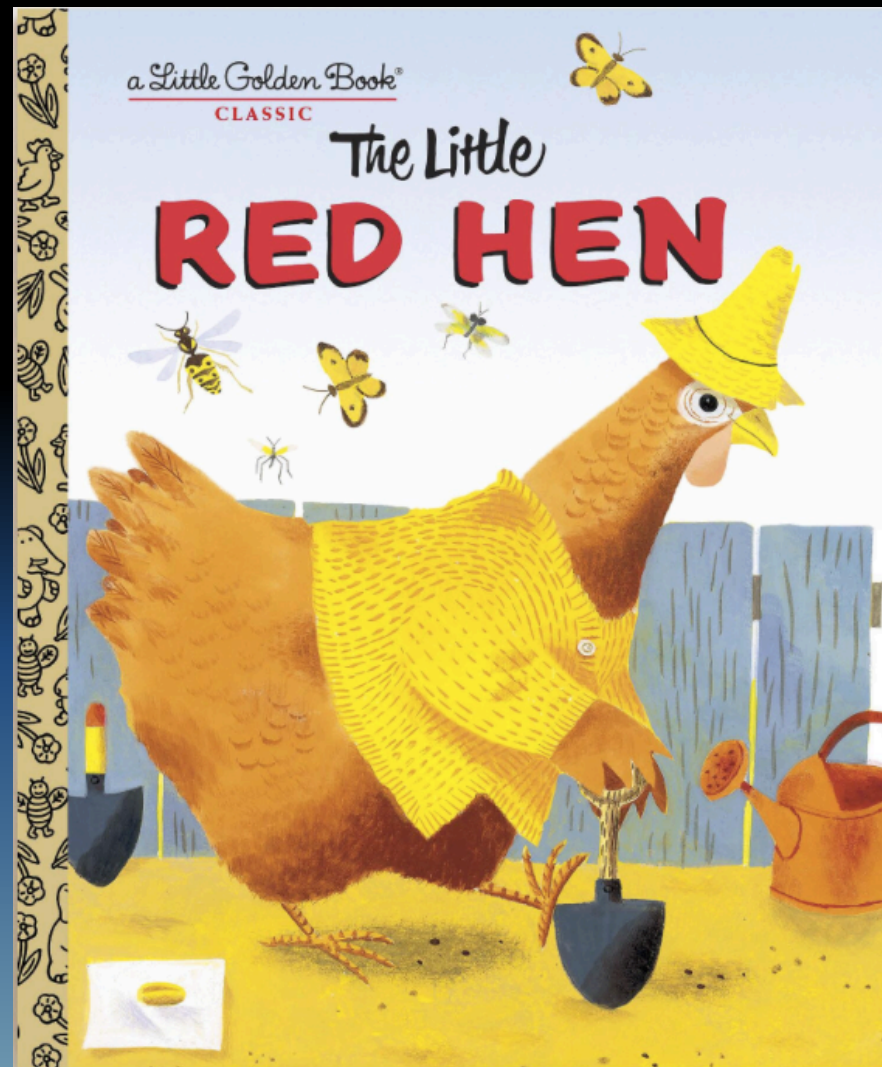
Internet caused Self-Destruction of the ABMS MOC® Product

- The ABMS Maintenance of Certification® brand irrevocably damaged / corrupt
- No longer voluntary, despite ABMS claims
- Divisive for the profession
- Unethical / costly / discriminatory / damaging
- No proof it benefits patients or physicians

How Did It Get This Far?

- Lack of Oversight
- Lack of Accountability
- Unelected Members of Specialty Boards
- Unlimited conflicts of interest
- No term limits
- Financial collusion
- Practicing physician indifference

Who will investigate and stop MOC®?



"Not I," said the ABIM



"We invited CFOs of IM organizations to review our 990s and audited financials and they have uniformly said they don't see any issues"

– Richard Baron, MD

“Not I,” said Many of the Largest Medical Subspecialty Societies

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1. Earn MOC Points:

- At least 1 activity between 1/1/2016 and 12/31/2017
- 100 points by 12/31/2018

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“Not I,” said the Major Medical Journals

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"Not I," said Main Stream Media



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Change Board Recertification

State Medical Societies

- State Medical Associations recognize alternatives to ABMS MOC program and recertification process
- Assemble facts and make credible formal legal request for investigation of ABIM/ABMS with appropriate oversight agency (IRS, FTC, DOJ, Iowa AG, SEC, OIG of HHS)
- Enact laws to prohibit use of ABMS MOC requirement for hospital credentials, insurance panel participation, or licensure to practice medicine.

Oklahoma Unanimously Signs Anti-MOC legislation into law

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Oklahoma Bans Forced MOC, Becomes the First “Right to Care” State

April 14, 2016 By Meg Edison MD — 41 Comments



“Nothing in the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act shall be construed as to require a physician to secure a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) as a condition of licensure, reimbursement, employment or admitting privileges at a hospital in this state. For the purposes of this subsection, “Maintenance of Certification (MOC)” shall mean a continuing education program measuring core competencies in the practice of medicine and surgery and approved by a nationally recognized accrediting organization.”

Kentucky – SB 17

Passed Unanimously 96-0

- (2) The board shall not require any form of maintenance of licensure as a condition of physician licensure, including requiring any form of maintenance of licensure tied to maintenance of certification. The board's regular requirements, including continuing medical education, shall suffice to demonstrate professional competency.
- (3) The board shall not require any form of specialty medical board certification or any maintenance of certification to practice medicine in Kentucky.

Michigan SB 5090 and 5091 (pending passage)

- Expressly forbids hospitals from denying a physician admitting privileges on basis of MOC.
- Insurers, too, prohibited from using MOC as condition of payment
- State board could not make MOC condition of licensure

With many more to come...

