



Tell Us About You

This survey sponsored by Practicing Physicians of America is seeking input from American Board of Medical Specialty (ABMS) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Board certified US physicians. It takes approximately 6 minutes to complete.

While not required, we will ask you for your identification and personal email address at the end of this survey to limit spam and to improve the integrity of this survey. Unless you specify otherwise, your identity will be kept private and results only reported in aggregate.

* 1. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Other (please specify)

* 2. What is your age?

- 21 to 35
- 36 to 50
- 51 to 65
- 66 or older

* 3. How do you best describe your practice setting?

- Private Practice / Independent
- Group Practice / Independent
- Hospital /University/Health System Physician Employee
- Group Practice/Contracted
- Other

Please specify

* 4. In what state or U.S. territory do you currently practice medicine?

* 5. What is your primary practice specialty?

* 6. What stage of specialty training in medicine are you?

- Have my MD or DO degree, but have not completed my training
- Clinical physician, post-training 0-10 yrs
- Clinical physician, post -training 11-20 yrs
- Clinical physician, post -training 21-30 yrs
- Clinical physician, post-training > 30 yrs
- Retired clinical physician
- I don't see patients, but teach physicians
- I work primarily as a non-clinical research physician

Other (please specify)

* 7. Are you a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO)?

- Medical Doctor (MD)
- Doctor of Osteopathy (DO)
- Recipient of Non-US Medical Degree
- None of the above



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Doctors of Osteopathy

8. Currently, Doctors of Osteopathy must maintain membership in the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) as part of their Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC). Should the AOA accept re-certification (or "continuous certification") by alternate certifying Boards (such as the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons?)

- Yes
- No

9. Should the Federation of State Licensing Boards require Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) for maintaining state licensure?

- Yes
- No



Board Certification

* 10. Are you currently (or have you ever been) Board certified by an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) member board?

Yes

No

* 11. How many valid ABMS Board certificates do you carry?

0

3

1

4 or more

2

12. How many of your ABMS Board certifications were acquired before 1990?

0

3

1

4 or more

2

13. When completing your state's licensure application, your state licensing agency asks if you are ABMS Board certified.

Yes

No

Not sure

14. Please rate your perceptions of the following regarding the Board certification process in United States:

	Very Poor	Poor	Neutral	Good	Very good
Confidence in the integrity of the ABMS Board Certification process	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Confidence in the Practice Improvement Modules ability to improve my practice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Confidence in preserving the privacy of my practice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Confidence that Board certification is truly voluntary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 15. I believe **initial** ABMS or AOA Board Certification

- Should be a life-long physician credential, using Continuing Medical Education credits to document ongoing medical education
- Should be a time-limited physician credential requiring periodic renewal

* 16. My most recent estimated **total cost** to become certified or maintain ABMS or AOA board certification was (please include cost of study materials, Board review course cost, travel/hotel costs, cost of time away from work):

- Employer subsidized
- \$1 - \$2000
- \$2001-\$4000
- \$4001-\$6,000
- \$6001-10,000
- \$10,001-\$20,000
- > \$20,000
- I'm not sure

Additional comment:



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Maintenance of Certification® / Osteopathic Continuous Certification

After 1990, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) stopped recognizing their certifications as a lifetime credential and required

repeated testing and additional data collection to prevent their "Board certification" from expiring. This process was branded as "Maintenance of Certification®" (or "Osteopathic Continuous Certification").

* 17. Do you participate in ABMS Maintenance of Certification® (MOC®) or Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC)?

- Yes
- No, I am "grandfathered" and do not have to participate
- No, I chose to recertify with the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons (NBPAS)
- No, I chose to not recertify.



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Maintenance of Certification / Osteopathic Continuous Certification Participant

* 18. I participate in Maintenance of Certification® (MOC®)/Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) because (check all that apply):

- My hospital requires MOC®/OCC
- My insurance company requires MOC®/OCC
- My patients ask about my board certification status
- To improve the quality of my patient care
- To improve the safety of my patient care
- To improve how my practice operates
- To keep up to date in my practice specialty
- Other (please specify)

* 19. Please rate the following aspects of Maintenance of Certification® (MOC®) / Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
MOC®/OCC tests concepts relevant to my particular practice setting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is a strong scientific evidence base that MOC®/OCC improves patient outcomes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
MOC®/OCC accurately assesses my ability to provide good patient care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participating in MOC®/OCC improves my patients' safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
MOC®/OCC costs are acceptable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 20. When enrolling for Maintenance of Certification®, I was made aware that ABMS Solutions, LLC a for-profit wholly-owned subsidiary of the American Board of Medical Specialties, sells my certification status to third parties.

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

* 21. Do you believe Maintenance of Certification® (or Osteopathic Continuous Certification) could threaten your right to work as a physician?

- Yes
- No

* 22. Have you ever failed a Maintenance of Certification® examination, lost your Board certification (even briefly), or experienced harm because of MOC®/OCC requirements?

- Yes
- No

Failed A MOC/OCC Examination

* 23. The adverse effects of Maintenance of Certification® or Osteopathic Continuous Certification have never been studied. Please check all adverse effects of MOC or consequences of failing or losing your Board certification (check all that apply):

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paid for a re-score of my examination | <input type="checkbox"/> Eventually passed my repeat examination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Re-took the examination for free | <input type="checkbox"/> Failed to tell my workplace of my examination results |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Re-took the examination for an additional fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Failed to tell my family/friends about my test results |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never attempted to retake the test and let my Board certification "expire." | <input type="checkbox"/> Became depressed, anxious, embarrassed, or suicidal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lost my hospital admitting/treatment privileges | <input type="checkbox"/> Relocated as a result of this failure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lost my job | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan to retire to avoid MOC/OCC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Was dis-enrolled from an insurance company's payment plan | <input type="checkbox"/> I retired because of this failure |

Other (please specify - 1000 characters max)



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Time-Limited Board Certification

Please tell us how you perceive time-limited board certification should be conducted.

* 24. Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits certified by the Accreditation Council of Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) should be sufficient for demonstrating life-long commitment to education to remain Board certified.

- Agree
- Disagree

* 25. Physicians should be automatically opted in to a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (thereby relinquishing personal data for third party purposes) as a condition of enrolling in Maintenance of Certification® or Osteopathic Continuous Certification.

- Agree
- Disagree

* 26. The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), requires its diplomates enrolling in MOC® to agree to the following:

"I also understand that ABIM may use my examination performance, training program evaluations, self-evaluation of knowledge and practice assessment, and other information for research purposes, including collaborating with other research investigators and scientific publications."

Should the AOA or ABMS member boards conducting research on physicians (or their practice) be required to obtain Institutional Board Review oversight and provide informed consent to diplomates before conducting research in accordance with Department of Health and Human Services' regulations involving the protection of human research subjects?

- Yes
- No

27. To what extent do you believe Maintenance of Certification® /Osteopathic Continuous Certification contribute to physician burnout?

	Significantly increases	Increases	No effect	Decreases	Significantly decreases
Relationship to Burnout	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

28. Do you believe the ABMS Maintenance of Certification® (MOC®) or the AOA's Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) (also known as "time-limited" or "continuous" certification) should be the only valid form of continuous certification recognized by hospitals and insurance companies?

- Yes
- No



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Thank you

Thanks for completing this survey. Your answers will be kept confidential. Please share this survey with your physician colleagues. While not required, please consider entering your name and

personal email below to improve the integrity of the responses we receive.

Also, please specify if you would allow us to add your name to petitions we might send to the American Board of Medical Specialties that is developing the next iteration of Maintenance of Certification® (MOC®) (preliminarily called "Continuing Board Certification") by checking the "Yes" box to the appropriate question below.

29. What is your first name?

30. What is your last name?

31. What are the best personal email address(es) to reach you?

Email Address 1

Email Address 2

32. Can we use your name only (no emails) on petitions relating to items contained in this survey that Practicing Physicians of America might send to the ABMS "Vision for the Future" commission organizing the next iteration of Maintenance of Certification® described as "Continuous Board Certification?"

Yes

No

[Any additional comments you'd like to add? (150 characters max)]