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**ADOPTION OF MAINTENANCE OF
CERTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
LICENSURE: THE IMPACT ON
PHYSICIANS**

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**MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION
(MOC)
AND MAINTENANCE OF LICENSURE
(MOL)**

- **MOL - Requirements determined by each state board**
- **MOC - Requirements determined by each specialty board**



WHAT IS THE IMPACT?

- **Maintenance of Licensure**
 - Self-assessment and improvement
 - Knowledge and skills: Structured and practice relevant to producing data to identify learning chances



IMPACT

- **Performance in Practice**
 - Accountability for practice performance
 - MOC part IV practice improvement activity



IMPACT OF THE IMPACT

- CME

- As a result of participation there should be measurable results in enhancing patient care, practice performance, and patient outcomes.



BORM CME LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- 100 CME credits - 40 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* every two years, beginning and ending on the renewal date
- Of these 40 credits, at least 4 shall be in studying risk management



BORM CME LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- 2 credits are awarded for reading BORM regulations
- 60 *AMA PRA Category 2 Credits™*



BORM CME LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- *AMA PRA Category 2 Credits™* include:
 - Teaching physicians and/or other health professionals
 - Unstructured learning
 - Reading medical literature
 - Self assessment activities



STATE CME CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

Little Specificity Regarding Relevance to Practice

- Many states have content requirements in response to legislative priorities.
- In Massachusetts:
 - Example 1: End of Life requirements
 - Example 2: Education in opioid prescribing



CURRENT SYSTEM OF VERIFICATION

- Physician attestation to the completion of required CME credits
- Many states audit licensees for CME compliance
- Failure to complete or document completed CME may result in:
 - Fines
 - Reprimand
 - Additional CME



MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

- Personal Example: Thoracic Surgery certification expires in 2011
- Lifelong learning includes earning 120 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*, half (60) in Thoracic Surgery - increasing to 150 hours in 2012
- Cognitive Expertise beginning in 2012 is a high stakes test
- Professionalism: a medical license and documentation of hospital privileges



MOC MILESTONES

- 5 and 10 year Milestones
 - Include 3 of 6 core competencies
 - Professionalism
 - Life-long Learning
 - Practice Performance



COMPARISON

- State Requirements for Licensure
- Maintenance of Licensure
- Maintenance of Certification



COMPARISON

All support a commitment to:

- Life-long learning
- State boards establishing maintenance of licensure requirements
- Practice improvement and performance

CME is an essential component for all



COMPARISON

- Essential to integration of all three programs will be the collaboration with other stakeholders to
 - Develop tools and resources
 - Determine outcomes analysis around physician performance and patient care



GOAL

- The goal of MOL, MOC and Joint Commission programs such as FPPE and OPPE is public safety by assurance of practitioner competency.



Questions?

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