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Santa Rosa Memorial

TITLE: **CME APPROVED FOR MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC)**	
MANUAL: **MEDICAL STAFF**	**Page 1 of 2**
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I. Purpose

To establish guidelines to be used when awarding ABIM MOC credit for CME activities.

II. Policy

CME Approved for MOC Policy.

III. Exceptions

None

IV. Definition

ACCME – Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education is the nationally recognized accrediting agency for continuing medical education

AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ – AMA's Physician's Recognition Award Credit System.

CMA – California Medical Association is an advocacy organization active in the legal, legislative, reimbursement and regulatory areas on behalf of California physicians and their patients.

IMQ – A subsidiary of the CMA that is responsible for various accreditations including CME accreditations within the State of California, Alaska, and Hawaii.

CME – Continuing Medical Education: Educational activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public, or the profession.

CME Provider – Hospitals, professional societies and other entities that provide accredited CME to physicians.

ABIM – American Board of Internal Medicine.

MOC – Maintenance of Certification

V. Criteria for MOC

1. CME program must be in good standing with IMQ
2. Activity must be related to Internal Medicine
3. Activity must relate to one of AMA's types of activities (live, enduring materials, online CME, online point of care, etc.)
4. Activity must have a clear, understandable gap analysis
5. Content must be peer reviewed by two reviewers who are not authors for:

           a. fairness,
           b. accuracy, and
           c. free from bias

6. Activity must be evaluated for competency, performance, and/or patient care
7. MOC statement must be on publicity materials and logo (badge) can be used
8. Must collect learner ABIM ID#, first/last name, DOB, activity completion date, PARS activity #, and number of MOC points/credits
9. Activities can be registered for ABIM Patient Safety MOC credits if they meet the ABIM Patient Safety requirements
10. Must use the PARS program to enter learner MOC attendance
11. ACCME will release PARS MOC info re learners to ABIM
12. Must agree that the activity registered for MOC on PARS will be listed on ACCME website
13. Must agree to cooperate with ABIM in case of a MOC audit
14. Evaluation must provide feedback to learners
15. Learners will be given a post test and must meet the passing standard set by the CME Committee

VI. Procedure

1. CME Committee to determine if MOC relates to one or more of AMA's types of activities, is relevant to ABIM, and meets the ABIM Patient Safety requirements.
2. CME Coordinator will indicate MOC credit desired on the Activity Request Form where gap analysis, desired outcomes, and evaluation mechanisms are documented.
3. CME Coordinator will ask faculty for 3 to 5 question post-test
4. CME Coordinator will send slides to two reviewers for content validation
5. At least two physicians to be responsible for validating content as well as looking for bias in the content.
6. CME Coordinator will place the MOC statement of credit and logo under the CME accreditation statement and logo on publicity materials.
7. The Evaluation Form will be used to ask learners if they want ABIM MOC credit as well as, their ABIM ID#, first and last names, and date of birth.
8. CME Coordinator and faculty will facilitate a post-test after each activity.
9. CME Coordinator will log all MOC information and learner information into PARS.
10. CME Coordinator will provide learners with a transcript annually indicating all CME and MOC credit.

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References:
  1. ABIM
  2. ACCME
  3. IMQ/CMA	

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