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New Article Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway from the ABPN and Other Exciting Changes

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The ABPN is pleased to be rolling out the new Article Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) pathway for continuing certification in 2022. Read [details on the certifications offered and the number of article assessments required](#) with the new ABCC pathway.

The ABCC pathway is an ongoing professional journal article-based assessment activity designed as an optional alternative to the current traditional 10-year recertification/CC examination.

- Diplomates with active certificates will have the ability to enroll in the ABCC pathway later in 2021 via their ABPN Physician Folios. The ABCC pathway will be the default assessment option if no selection is chosen.
- Diplomates currently in the Continuing Certification (CC) Program will have the option to begin reading ABCC pathway articles and taking article assessments in 2022.
- Diplomates must choose one assessment pathway for all their certifications – either the ABCC pathway OR the traditional 10-year CC exam pathway.
- Article exams completed during the Pilot will be carried forward to the 2022-2024 CC block for diplomates who would be due for a CC/MOC exam in 2022-2024. All article assessments must be completed by the end of 2024.
- Beginning in 2022, diplomates with multiple certifications will pay a combined annual fee instead of an application and exam fee for every certification exam deadline. See more details below in the Fee Section.
- All other CC Program requirements (CME, Self-Assessment, PIP, etc.) remain the same.

At the same time, the traditional Continuing Certification (CC/MOC) computerized examination will continue to be offered as an option for all ABPN specialties and subspecialties.

Lapsed certificate holders and non time-limited (lifetime) certificate holders will also have options to enroll in the ABCC pathway. Note for lapsed certificate holders: it may take longer than one year to regain certification via the ABCC pathway in cases where multiple certificates have lapsed.

More information will be available in the next coming months on how ABPN Diplomates can transition into the new ABCC pathway option.

[Read more about the current Pilot Project](#)

Other Exciting Changes in 2021/2022:

REDESIGN of PHYSICIAN FOLIOS

- ABPN will be launching a new and improved version of the current Physician Folios later this year. The new interface will be called the **Physician Portal** which will provide an easy-to-follow dashboard approach to personalized CC Program requirements and deadlines.

- The new **Physician Portal** will reset all active 3-year CC blocks with the years 2022-2024 to simplify calculation of assessments (Article or Exam Pathway) and CC requirements.
- Any CC activities completed during the current CC block will be credited towards the 2022-2024 block. This includes CME, Self-Assessment, PIP, and Pilot article exams, if applicable.

CC/MOC Application and Exam Fees for Multiple Certifications

- With the upcoming sunset of the 10-Year MOC program, there will no longer be the traditional CC/MOC application and exam fees for multiple certifications.
- Instead, the annual CC fee amount will be calculated based on the number of active certificates: \$175 for one certification; \$300 for two certifications; \$395 for three+ certifications.
- The annual fee will cover either assessment pathway (ABCC or Exams) for all certificates in the CC program. There will no longer be an application and exam fee collected at the time of the second or third certification assessment deadlines.

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