About the Qualifying Board and the Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA™)

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Qualifying Board (QB)

- A Qualifying Board (QB) is an ABMS Member Board whose diplomates may apply for a subspecialty certificate through another Member Board.
- Successful applicants can participate in the continuing certification program for that Board.
- QB diplomates become diplomates of ABIM for the subspecialty and must meet all of ABIM's requirements for initial certification and Maintenance of Certification (MOC).
- The original board no longer manages the physician’s certification or MOC for the subspecialty.
# Qualifying vs. Cosponsored: Hospice & Palliative Medicine

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What it means for you…

• Beginning in 2022, physicians from a QB who currently hold the Hospice and Palliative Medicine (HPM) Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) will maintain their HPM certification through ABIM.
• Diplomates will no longer maintain HPM certification through their original board.
• Trainees completing HPM fellowship will now apply for the initial certification exam through ABIM.
  • Note: Diplomates from a Cosponsoring Board will still apply through their own Board.
Key points about Qualifying Boards

• If you have an HPM certification, you can register through ABIM’s online Physician Portal.

• You can maintain your underlying certification or subspecialty certification(s) as long as you meet the requirements of MOC.

• You will have to do MOC for both boards if you choose to maintain a certification with your original board.
  • ABIM has a reciprocity policy to help streamline MOC requirements.
  • MOC requirements are waived for diplomates dual-certified by ABMS member boards.
Questions about Qualifying Board?

Visit ABIM.org/HPB-FAQ

Email request@abim.org or call 1-800-441-ABIM.
The Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA)

Maintain board certification at a speed that works for you

Embrace the freedom of flexibility. Define your road to success.
Informed by Physician Feedback

- Surveys
- LKA Physician Advisory Panel
- LKA Subcommittee
- Online Discussions
- User Testing
- Beta Test
- 1 on 1 Interviews
- Feedback Form
- Insights Network
- Customer Experience
- Society Meetings
- Social Media
- Informed by Physician Feedback
## LKA Rollout Schedule

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*Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment won’t be available in certain specialties (Adult Congenital Heart Disease, Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology and Transplant Hepatology) because there are fewer physicians maintaining certification in these highly specialized areas. Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology will not be available at launch and will be re-evaluated for 2024. In Cardiovascular Disease, Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology the ABIM/ACC Collaborative Maintenance Pathway will be available. All diplomats will continue to have the traditional, 10-year MOC exam available.*
**Important Dates**

- **Dec 1**: Enrollment will open for all 2023 ABIM MOC assessments.
- **Apr 1**: Second quarter begins.
- **Jun 30**: Last day to enroll in LKA. Second quarter ends and unopened questions expire.
Key Features

No appointment necessary!
Once enrolled, just sign in to your ABIM Physician Portal to access your LKA dashboard and answer questions.

Four minutes per question, answer any place or time
With a bank of 30 extra minutes you can use each year if you need more time.

Provides immediate feedback, rationales, references

Participation Requirement:
120 questions offered per year*
Open at least 500 out of 600 questions over 5 years

Physicians can start engaging in the year in which their assessment is due

Access any resources used in practice
Except another person

Earn 0.2 MOC points for each correct answer

Performance Standard: Feedback relative to standard will be provided, and a final score calculated at conclusion of 5 year cycle
You Will Earn MOC Points

In addition to helping you know and demonstrate you’re keeping your medical knowledge current, participating in the LKA has another great feature: you’ll earn MOC points for every question you answer correctly. Here’s how it works:

**Step 1**

Answer a question **correctly**

**Step 2**

Earn **0.2 MOC points**

**Step 3**

Seriously, **that’s it!**

**HOW MANY POINTS CAN BE EARNED?**

You’ll be offered 600 questions per 5-year assessment cycle, so over time you could potentially meet your MOC point requirement through LKA participation alone. Points you’ve earned will be awarded and added to your personalized ABIM Physician Portal quarterly.
THE LKA 5-YEAR CYCLE

**Questions**
- Receive quarterly
- 30 questions released each quarter, earn 0.2 MOC points for each correct answer
- Open at least 500 out of 600 questions over 5 years to meet the Participation Requirement
- No appointment necessary! Once you're enrolled, just sign in to your ABIM Physician Portal to access your LKA dashboard and answer questions. Enrollment for the 2022 cycle opens 12/1/21.

**Feedback**
- Receive periodically
- Ongoing feedback including references and rationales
- Updated score report on a quarterly basis after first year to help identify areas for future study

**Results**
- At end of cycle
- Final pass/fail decision made at the end of your 5-year cycle.
- Continue with the LKA or take the traditional 10-year MOC exam to stay certified.
Personalized Dashboard

Overall Progress
- Cycle Start: 48 of 600
- Cycle End: 60 of 600
- Completed 48 of a possible 600 questions
- You are currently in Quarter 2, Year 1
- The LKA is a 5 year cycle
- A score report link will appear after you have completed enough questions.

This Quarter's Progress
- 60% Questions Answered
- 18 Question(s) Answered
- 12 Question(s) Remaining
- You must finish your 12 remaining question(s) by 6/30/2023 in order to complete your quarter.
- Time Remaining: 10 Hours 7 Minutes

This Week's Tasks
- Based on your settings, you have 1 week remaining. Your pacing plan recommends:
  - You need to complete 12 question(s) by 6/30/2023
  - Weekly Progress: 18 question(s) complete
- According to your personalized assessment plan, this is the final week to complete all questions. Complete question(s) by 6/30/2023

Resources
- Time Bank (annual)
  - Need more time with a question? Take it from your annual 30 minute time bank. Below is what you have left for this calendar year.
  - Learn More

- 28 Minutes Remaining
  - Life Happens (over five years)
    - Need a break? It's ok to bypass up to 100 questions over 5 years by simply not opening them. We will keep count of the questions you did not open below.
    - Learn More

- 0 Used
Eligibility

**CURRENTLY CERTIFIED**

All board certified physicians can start participating in the LKA in their assessment due year. *(except those in a grace year).*

You will be reported as "certified" throughout the 5-year cycle as long as you are meeting the LKA Participation Requirement.

**CERTIFIED PRE-1990**

Can use the LKA to help them meet their MOC participation requirement in their assessment due year.

**LAPSED CERTIFICATE**

The LKA can be used to regain certification; however, because a decision on performance is not made until the end of the 5th year of participation, a physician will be reported as "Not Certified" until that time.
As a Triple-Boarded Physician, the LKA Fits Better in my Life

Jessica Kalender-Rich, MD is a member of ABIMs Geriatrics Board and is taking the Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment in Internal Medicine.

Like a lot of physicians, I'm certified in several disciplines: Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. I mostly treat older adults, but have kept my Internal Medicine certificate because I need that background to inform my subspecialty knowledge in geriatrics and hospice and palliative medicine. I've found it improves my overall ability and the care I'm able to provide to my patients.

I was due to take an assessment in internal medicine this year, so when I saw the Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA™) would be available, I thought I'd try it to see how it worked for me. Plus, I knew I could switch and take the traditional 10-

Overall, the LKA experience has been great. Historically, I would spend many hours over several months to prepare for the “big” exam. With the LKA I can sit down, take a few questions at a time, and then go about my day. It's still early on, but with the first quarter’s questions I did 10 at a time. I'd open one, look up info if needed, and then read the rationale and references after submitting my answer.

The process has helped refresh my memory since the last time I sat down and really studied internal medicine. And the rationale and references are also helpful since I can see where the data comes from, and go read more about a particular topic.

I wasn't sure about the four minute time-limit for each question; personally I'd prefer if there wasn't one, but I understand that this is also an assessment, and that the time limit is intended to mirror our time constraints in practice. I will say that it does help me focus better on each question, and I can add extra time if I need to.
ABIM’s MOC Program

Meet two concurrent requirements:
100 MOC points every 5 years + assessment
How LKA Participation Fulfills ABIM MOC Requirements

**Earn MOC points every 2 years**
Diplomates earn 0.2 MOC points for every correct answer

**Earn 100 MOC points every 5 years**
Diplomates can earn up to 24 MOC points per certificate per year

**Pass an assessment**
Pass/fail decision made at end of 5-year LKA cycle
Important Updates About MOC Requirements

In light of the ongoing pandemic, ABIM has increased program flexibility:

• If you had an MOC assessment, attestation or points due in 2020 or 2021, you now have until **12/31/22** to complete them.

• Physicians certified in Critical Care Medicine, Infectious Disease, Hospital Medicine and Pulmonary Disease **will have an additional year to complete requirements through 2023**.

• Anyone currently in the grace period **has been afforded an additional year** to complete their assessment requirement.

• Sign in to your personalized Physician Portal at ABIM.org to check for any upcoming deadlines.
ABIM’s Updated Fees for 2022

Examples of savings for physicians choosing the LKA over a 10-year period – (does not reflect a 5% discount if paid in advance):

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New ABIM Physician Portal App is Now Available

Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera to download app.

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Google Play Store

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Google Play
Learn more at abim.org/LKA

Take a Tour of the Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA™) launching in 2022

The LKA is designed with your personal and professional needs in mind: greater flexibility, more convenience, and faster feedback. Watch the LKA platform tour video for a sneak peek.
Questions?

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Thank you