

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC) STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Pennsylvania Medical Society is committed to lifelong learning, cognitive expertise, practice quality improvement, and adherence to the highest standards of medical practice.

The Pennsylvania Medical Society supports a process of continuous learning and improvement based on evidence-based guidelines, national standards, and best practices, in combination with customized continuing education.

The Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process should be designed to identify performance gaps and unmet needs, providing direction and guidance for improvement in physician performance and delivery of care.

The Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process should be evaluated periodically to measure physician satisfaction, knowledge uptake and intent to maintain or change practice.

Board certificates should have lifetime status, with Maintenance of Certification (MOC) used as a tool for continuous improvement.

The Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program should not be associated with hospital privileges, insurance reimbursements or network participation.

The Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program should not be required for Maintenance of Licensure (MOL).

Specialty boards, which develop Maintenance of Certification (MOC) standards, may approve curriculum, but should be independent from entities designing and delivering that curriculum, and should have no financial interest in the process.

A majority of specialty board members who are involved with the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program should be actively practicing physicians directly engaged in patient care.

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) activities and measurement should be relevant to real world clinical practice.

The Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process should not be cost prohibitive or present barriers to patient care.