

CC Committee Chair Message

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The American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM) is pleased to announce important updates to the Continuing Certification (formerly the Maintenance of Certification (MOC)) program, reflecting the new “Standards for Continuing Certification (CC)” from the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), effective January 1, 2024.

CC Requirements:

Each calendar year diplomates must login to their dashboard on the ABNM website and:

- Update contact information.
- Update professional standing, including NRC authorized user status, and maintain an unrestricted medical license in all licensed jurisdictions.
- Attest to a minimum 2-year average of 25 AMA Category 1 credits per year in continuing professional development (CPD) activities.
- Participate in at least one qualifying activity related to Improving Health and Health Care (waived for those without clinical responsibilities).
- Engage in CertLink® and meet passing requirements or opt for the CC exam every 5 years.
- Pay the annual CC fee.

See the [CC What I need to Do](#) page on the ABNM website for more information.

Certification Validity:

Starting in 2025, diplomates who fulfill all CC requirements will receive a new certificate valid for 5 years after their current certification's expiration. Certification statuses will be publicly accessible on the [ABMS Certification Matters](#) website, showing as “Actively Maintaining Certification” if requirements are met on time and “Certified” for those meeting passing standards every 5 years.

Audit Policy Highlights:

- Annually, diplomates must attest to meeting requirements via their ABNM profile.
- Approximately 5% of active diplomates are audited each year, with audit notifications sent by October 1 of the preceding year of certificate expiration.
- Diplomates must upload documentation of their CPD activities by December 31 of the year prior to certificate expiration, including a 4-year look back.
- Preferred documentation includes aggregated transcripts over individual certificates.

- Audit results will be communicated by April 30, with additional documentation due by June 30 if initial records are incomplete.
- Failure to meet requirements by certificate expiration results in certification lapsing.
- We hope these updates enhance your certification experience and thank you for your commitment to maintaining the highest standards in your profession.

Proposed Collaboration with ACCME:

The proposed collaboration between ABNM and the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) holds significant promise for enhancing the support available to nuclear medicine physicians. By leveraging ACCME's Program and Activity Reporting System (PARS) and CME Passport, we can achieve several key benefits:

- Empowering CME providers to deliver greater value by making CME activities easily accessible to nuclear medicine physicians.
- Seamlessly connecting data between physicians, CME providers, state boards, and certifying boards.
- Reducing the administrative burden for nuclear medicine physicians by centralizing CME completion records, thus simplifying reporting for both state licensing boards and ABNM.
- Allowing physicians to focus more on learning to directly improve their practice and patient care.

Additionally, this collaboration would enable key societies such as SNMMI, ASNC, RSNA, ACR, and ACNM to manage data more efficiently using a unified system. PARS adheres to high standards of data privacy and security, ensuring reliable and streamlined CME data management without requiring any technical development on the part of ABNM.

System Issue Support:

We want to inform you about the process for addressing system issues through our platform. If you encounter a system issue and initiate a CertLink ticket, please note that this ticket specifically addresses the technical problem you experienced and is separate from any question comments.

At the ABNM, we provide you with prompt and effective support. All CertLink tickets are responded to within 24 hours, including weekends and holidays.

We appreciate your ongoing participation and commitment to the CC program.