MOC Process Simplified

MOC is a process for demonstrating ongoing effort at learning and maintaining competency. It consists of four components:

1. Professional Standing
   - translated - Maintain your active medical license(s)
2. Lifelong Learning and Periodic Self-assessment
   - translated - Do CME and SAM modules throughout the 10 year cycle
3. Cognitive Expertise
   - translated - Take a computer based test on WHAT YOU ACTUALLY PRACTICE
4. Practice Performance
   - translated - work on projects to make you or your workplace better (PQI)

Results

The group finally agreed to commit to a 5 year plan in enrolling in MOC, with a renewal vote to commit to the subsequent half of the recertification timeline in 4 years.

Fears held by Lifetime Certified radiologists fell into two general categories. There was a profound fear of the competency examination in years 8-10 of the cycle, stemming from memories of the original oral examination with the ABR in Louisville. There was a fear by some that failure to pass the entire 10 year MOC recertification process and the competency examination would make it available to the public and be potentially used against them in future lawsuits. The costs associated with the process were not cited as a concern. Initial skepticism of the SAM format was quickly dissipated by personal experiences by a number of RANK members. There was little fear of the PQI process, and a group commitment to help each other on projects over the timeline was prevalent.

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