

The American Board of Anesthesiology

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ABA Releases Online Tutorial on MOCA® Program

RALEIGH, N.C. (October 27, 2011) — To enhance its ongoing effort to provide clarity on the Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology (MOCA) program, The American Board of Anesthesiology, Inc. (ABA) has developed an online tutorial to address frequently asked questions and concerns of constituents.

The Maintenance of Certification (MOC) concept originated with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in 1999 as a professional response to the need for public accountability and transparency of practice improvement initiatives by physicians. The ABA recognized the importance of this initiative and developed the MOCA program to help board certified anesthesiologists demonstrate to society their lifelong commitment to quality clinical outcomes and patient safety.

The ABA designed this tutorial to familiarize viewers with the pathway to ABA certification and maintenance of certification as well as educate them on their specific MOCA program requirements.

Subjects covered by the tutorial include:

- Pathway to Maintenance of Certification
- Evolution of Certification Process
- MOCA Program Requirements
- Entering Requirements in ABA Portal Account

“We hope our diplomates and future diplomates will find this tutorial useful as we make transparent the road to board certification and the Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology program,” said David L. Brown, M.D., Secretary of the ABA Board of Directors.

“This tutorial is just one more way that the ABA is providing information to our diplomates on MOCA,” said Dr. Brown. “This video will supplement other resources we have made available on the ABA website, such as the Frequently Asked Questions section and MOCA requirements by certification year.”

[Click here](#) to view the MOCA tutorial.

About The American Board of Anesthesiology, Inc.

The American Board of Anesthesiology examines and certifies physicians who complete an accredited program of anesthesiology training in the United States and voluntarily apply to the Board for certification or maintenance of certification. Formed in 1937, the ABA is one of the 24 medical specialty boards that make up the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). Through ABMS, the boards work together to set and sustain common standards of expertise and professionalism that each uses to evaluate candidates for board certification and specialists to maintain their certification. Medical specialty certification is the largest standard-setting and assessment process established and maintained by a profession.

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