

Pediatricians who are certified in general pediatrics and are now in subspecialty fellowship training are often unsure of what they need to do to remain certified. Maintaining your certification assures the public (parents, patients, hospitals, payers) that you continue to meet the same high standards through which you earned your certificate.

## What are the Requirements to Remain Certified?

To view your requirements, track your progress, or search for approved activities, please check your ABP Portfolio (www.abp.org).

## How Does Fellowship Change My Requirements?

- ✓ Being in fellowship does NOT exempt you from your requirements.
- Points and CME credit hours are not related. To confirm your CME requirements, please check with your state medical licensing board directly.
- ✓ For every 12 months of ACGME-accredited fellowship training that you complete within your five-year cycle, you will receive 10 points in (Part 2) and 10 points in (Part 4).
- ✓ Each 12 months of ACGME-accredited training completed by June 30 will be processed, and your points will be posted to your ABP Portfolio by November 1.
- ✓ You are still required to earn a total of 100 points within each five-year cycle and may need to acquire additional points beyond your training.



#### What Qualifies for Self-Assessment Points? MANY ACTIVITIES ALSO EARN YOU CME CREDIT!

- ✓ ABP-developed activities (cost included in your enrollment fee)
  - General Pediatrics Comprehensive Knowledge Self-Assessment (known as the practice exam)
  - Decision Skills Self-Assessment
  - Pediatric Subspecialty and other topic Self-Assessments
  - Question of the Week
- ✓ ABP-approved Self-Assessment activities through organizations such as the AAP
- Many other CME activities that also meet ABP requirements (www.cmefinder.org/ ActivitySearchResults/ABP)

# What Qualifies for Quality Improvement (QI) Points?

- QI projects with 1-10 pediatricians that you completed at your institution and then were approved by the ABP (apply online; requires a review fee)
- ✓ NCQA PCMH or PCSP recognition (apply online)
- ✓ ABP-approved institutional QI projects
- ✓ ABP-developed Performance Improvement Modules (PIMs) (cost included with your enrollment fee)
- ✓ ABP-approved QI online modules such as EQIPP with the AAP

# **Did You Know?**

- ✓ Do you need a letter of good standing? You can access one at any time from your ABP Portfolio.
- ✓ Meeting requirements with another ABMS board or in Canada may qualify you for reciprocal credit for Self-Assessment and QI.
- ✓ Regardless of how many certifications you maintain, you need only 100 points within each five-year cycle.
- ✓ You were previously required to pass a proctored exam at a secure testing center, but you can also use MOCA-Peds, an online, non-proctored assessment platform to fulfill this requirement.
- ✓ Your exam/MOCA-Peds requirement has now been aligned with your five-year cycle. Your ABP Portfolio now reflects this change.
- ✓ You may choose to pay your enrollment fee in annual payments or continue to pay the full fee once every five years.
- ✓ Each time you re-enroll into a new five-year cycle, your point requirements are reset. There are no "rollovers."
- Missing the deadline for ANY of your cycle requirements means you will no longer be certified in ANY area where you do not have a permanent certification. To regain certification, you can re-enroll and complete any missing requirements.
- Not passing the exam or MOCA-Peds deadline means that you are no longer certified in that area, unless you have a permanent certification in that area. To regain certification, you will have to pass your exam.



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