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COMMUNICATING WITH THE ABA

- Address all correspondence to the ABA Secretary
- Communications Center: (866) 999-7501
- **Email:** coms@theABA.org
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- **Feedback via RTID** (Record of Training
Information Database)

COMMUNICATING WITH THE ABA

- The ABA corresponds officially about training matters with the **Department Chair**
- When notified by the Chair, the ABA will correspond with the **Program Director** about training matters with a copy to the Department Chair
- **NEW:** As of July 2012, the Department Chair may now designate and authorize with the ABA, **other assigned individuals (e.g. Residency Coordinators)** who may also receive copies of correspondence from the ABA
 - ABA has received positive feedback on this change
 - Well received and utilized by many programs

COMMUNICATING WITH THE ABA RECORD OF TRAINING INFORMATION DATABASE (RTID)

- RTID System is an **online tool** for Anesthesiology Training Programs to enroll or report training results for residents.
- RTID is **point of reference** for questions and information.
- Log-in via the ABA website at www.theABA.org.
- The ABA is in process of redesigning the RTID to make it easier to use and better suited to the work of training programs.

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RTID Reporting Requirements

- **Timely completion** of new **Resident Enrollment Forms** every 6 months by January 31 and by July 31
- **Assess and report Clinical Competence** every 6 months by January 31 and by July 31
 - **Thorough** performance assessment of resident's clinical competence
 - Attestation of **7 Essential Attributes**
- **Assess** whether resident is capable of **performing independently** the entire scope of practice in the specialty or subspecialty without accommodation or with reasonable accommodation, at end of training program.

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Time-Sensitive Communications:

- Gap in Training
- Leave of Absence
- Requests must be received 4 months in advance for:
 - Training Away
 - Variation in Curriculum

POLICY CHANGE: DURATION OF CANDIDATE STATUS

- September 2011: American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) adopted a policy on Board eligibility that mandates that **no more than 7 years can elapse** between **a physician's completion of residency training** and **achievement of Board certification**
- To meet this policy requirement, the ABA's policy on Duration of Candidate Status was modified; effective January 1, 2012:
 - Candidates completing residency training **on or after January 1, 2012**, must satisfy all requirements for certification **within 7 years** of the last day of the year in which residency training was completed
 - Candidates completing residency training **prior to January 1, 2012**, must satisfy all requirements for certification **by January 1, 2019**

Duration of Candidate Status

Benefits of Policy Change

- The ABA no longer limits the number of opportunities to satisfy the Part 1 and Part 2 Examination requirements for all candidates for primary certification in anesthesiology.
- Physicians are no longer required to take the In-Training Examination to re-establish eligibility for primary certification.

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ALTERNATE ENTRY PATHWAY (AEP)

- 7-year **pilot program** (July 1, 2007-2014)
- **Purpose:** To encourage **outstanding** internationally trained and certified anesthesiologists, who come to the United States, to become productive research members of U.S. academic anesthesiology programs

ALTERNATE ENTRY PATHWAY (AEP)

- To be considered for entry into this program, applicants must have a **pre-existing track record** of scholarship as represented by each of the following:
 - **Discovery:** Peer-reviewed funding and publication in peer-reviewed journals
 - **Dissemination:** Publication of review articles / textbook chapters
 - **Application:** Publication or presentation of case reports or clinical series

ALTERNATE ENTRY PATHWAY (AEP)

- The application must include a customized 4-year AEP Plan agreed to by the sponsoring department chair and the AEP candidate.
- During the 4-year period, the candidate must demonstrate excellence in discovery, teaching, and clinical anesthesiology.
- All four years of the AEP Plan must be conducted in one academic institution.
- Application must be submitted to the ABA at least 4 months in advance of the desired start date.
- Each program may have a maximum of 2 individuals enrolled in the pathway at any time.
- The AEP physician must take the In-Training Examination annually until he / she achieves an **ITE score of 40 or above.**

ALTERNATE ENTRY PATHWAY (AEP)

7/2007 – 8/2012

# of Programs Approved	=	31
# of Individuals Approved	=	46
# of Individuals Nominated	=	70
Individual Success Rate (46 / 70)	=	66%

ALTERNATE ENTRY PATHWAY (AEP)

- 13 individuals were admitted into the ABA examination system, and 12 took the 2012 ABA Part 1 Examination.
- 9 of the above 12 individuals passed the Part 1 Examination = 75% success rate
- 8 of 8 AEP participants who took the ABA Part 2 Examination in FA 2012 passed the examination.

ALTERNATE ENTRY PATHWAY (AEP)

- In January 2013, the Board will be evaluating whether to continue, modify, or eliminate the AEP Project.
- Let us know your thoughts regarding continuing the AEP Project beyond 2014!

MOCA[®] REQUIREMENTS

(see ABA Booklet of Information (BOI) Section 4.0)

- Part I: Professional Standing
 - Unrestricted license to practice medicine
- Part II: Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LLSA)
CME Activities
 - Patient Safety Modules
 - ASA Self-Education and Evaluation (SEE) Program
 - ASA Anesthesiology Continuing Education (ACE) Program
- Part III: Cognitive Examination

MOCA[®] REQUIREMENTS

(see ABA Booklet of Information (BOI) Section 4.0)

- Part IV: Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement (PPAI)
 - Simulation Course
 - Case Evaluation
 - Collect
 - Compare
 - Implement
 - Evaluate
 - Attestation
 - ABA verifies clinical activity

MOCA[®] FOR SUBSPECIALTIES

(see ABA Booklet of Information (BOI) Section 4.04B)

- Overlapping MOCA[®] requirements for primary and subspecialty certification will count toward both if completed during 10-year cycle. Examples include Part I, portions of Part II, and Part IV.
- The MOCA[®]-SUBS program requirements mirror those of the MOCA[®] program requirements, with the following exceptions:
 - Some of the required MOCA[®] Part II CME activities must be related to the subspecialty certification being maintained.
 - A separate MOCA[®] Part III Cognitive Examination is required for each certificate being maintained.
 - The ABA will verify diplomates' clinical activity in the subspecialty.

MOCA[©] : EXPIRED

TIME-LIMITED CERTIFICATES

(see ABA Booklet of Information (BOI) Section 4.02J)

- If a diplomate is unable to complete the MOCA[©] requirements within the 10-year period, the ABA offers a 3-year grace period.
- The ABA will move the 10-year cycle forward one year.
- Any activities completed in the initial start year are removed, and they must be re-done.
- All other requirements must be met.
- The ABA will move a MOCA[©] cycle forward, one year at a time, up to three years.
- If the diplomate is unsuccessful at meeting MOCA[©] requirements, their certification status will change from "Meeting MOCA[©] Requirements" to "Expired Certification".

MOCA[®] : EXPIRED

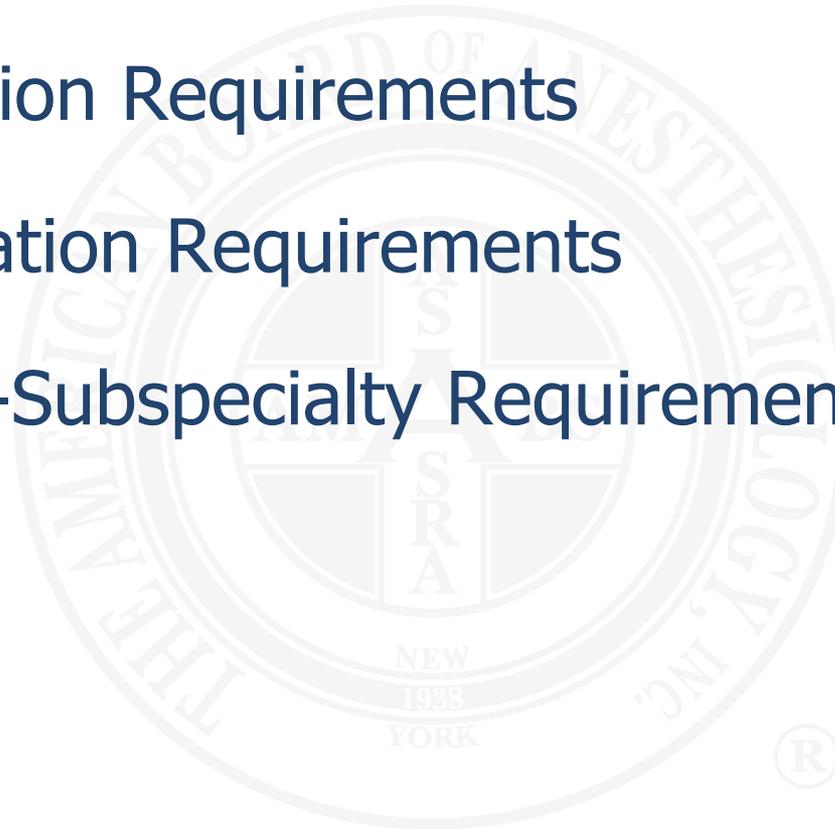
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Part II CME Credit Hours												
MOCA										Grace Period		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
35	30	32	35	30	34	30	35	30	29			
Credit Lost	30	32	35	30	34	30	35	30	29			
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SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIOLOGY

- Application Requirements
- Examination Requirements
- MOCA[©]-Subspecialty Requirements



SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIOLOGY

Application Requirements

- Hold an unexpired license to practice medicine or osteopathy in at least one state or jurisdiction of the United States or Canada that is permanent, unconditional and unrestricted
- Be a Diplomate of the ABA
- Be a participant in the ABA's Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology program (MOCA[©])
- Complete an ACGME-accredited fellowship in pediatric anesthesiology; **or**
- Possess the required experience in pediatric anesthesiology to meet the 'grandfathering criteria'

SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIOLOGY

Grandfathering Criteria

- Available only for ABA Diplomates who completed anesthesiology residency training before July 1, 2012
- Applicant's clinical practice has been devoted primarily to pediatric anesthesiology for the last 2 years; **or**
- At least 30% of applicant's clinical practice—averaged over the last 5 years—has been devoted to pediatric anesthesiology.

SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIOLOGY

Grandfathering Criteria (cont'd)

- The applicant's practice must include (a) neonates and children under the age of two years and (b) procedures considered high-risk.
- Attestations from the applicant as well as the applicant's Department Chair (or other institutional official if the applicant is the Department Chair) that the applicant meets these practice requirements will be required.

SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIOLOGY Examination Requirement

- All candidates, including those who qualify via the 'grandfathering criteria', must pass the pediatric anesthesiology subspecialty examination.
- The last examination for which a qualified applicant can apply under the grandfathering criteria is the 2015 examination.

SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIOLOGY Examination Requirement (cont'd)

- The first examination will be administered on **October 19, 2013**.
- Applications may be submitted March 1, 2012 to **February 15, 2013** for the 2013 examination
- All applications must be submitted via the applicant's ABA portal account

SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIOLOGY Application & Examination Fees

- The application fee for the 2013 examination is \$650, payable online at the time the application is submitted.
- The examination fee varies by date paid

Fee Paid Between:	Fee
4/5/2013 and 4/30/2013	\$950
5/1/2013 and 5/31/2013	\$1,425

SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIOLOGY

- Pediatric anesthesiology certificates will expire after 10 years
- To maintain the certificate beyond 10 years, individuals must satisfactorily complete all the requirements for MOCA[©] for Subspecialties.
- No ABA diplomate will run the risk of losing their primary certification in anesthesiology should they enroll in MOCA[©] for Subspecialties and not satisfactorily complete those requirements.

REQUEST FOR SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION IN CARDIOTHORACIC ANESTHESIOLOGY

- The Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists (SCA) submitted an application to the ABA to request the establishment of subspecialty certification in Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology.
- The application is currently under ABA review.
- The Board welcomes your thoughts and comments regarding this proposal.

CO-SPONSORSHIP OF CCM SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE DIPLOMATES

- The ABA & the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) have jointly submitted an application to the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) COCERT* for co-sponsorship of subspecialty certification in Critical Care Medicine (CCM) for emergency medicine diplomates who have completed an Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine (ACCM) fellowship

*COCERT = Committee on Certification, Subspecialty certification, Recertification, and Maintenance of Certification

CO-SPONSORSHIP OF CCM SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE DIPLOMATES

Training Pathway

- Successful completion of 5 years of post-graduate medical training
 - Successful completion of an ACGME-accredited Emergency Medicine residency; **and**
 - Successful completion of at least 12 months of an ACGME-accredited Anesthesiology CCM fellowship

CO-SPONSORSHIP OF CCM SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE DIPLOMATES

- When applying to take the ACCM certifying examination, the candidate must be:
 - An ABEM Diplomate
 - Meeting the requirements of ABEM's Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program
- We anticipate the ABMS decision around April 2013.

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