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CCPD Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV Program Project Standards

MOC Part IV requires documented physician participation in a specific QI project. An ongoing QI program (e.g., Hand Hygiene, Patient Experience) may be considered for MOC Part IV designation, but the submitter must define specific points in time as the beginning (baseline) and end of the QI project within the larger program.

In order to be submitted for MOC Part IV, the QI project must:

- Intend to provide a clear benefit to patient care that physicians can influence in their own practice.
- Address how the physician can influence one or more of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) dimensions of quality patient care: safety, effectiveness, efficiency, equity, timeliness, and/or patient-centeredness.
- Designate a physician project leader, ideally someone with prior QI experience, who:
 - Can attest to physicians' adherence to and completion of participation criteria, and
 - Accept responsibility for adjudication of any disputes regarding participation and MOC credit.
- Use an accepted quality improvement method which includes:
 - A SMART aim statement addressing target population, desired numerical improvement, and timeframe,
 - Well-defined process and outcome measures of performance,
 - At least three PDSA cycles (linked small tests of change, can include baseline) that systematically test interventions for improvement,
 - Prospective, repetitive data collection with data quality validation, and
 - Data reporting for key measures in annotated run or control charts.
- Define specific physician participation requirements that address general criteria set by the ABMS.

Earning MOC Part IV Credit

- Projects will be eligible for MOC Part IV credit once diplomates access, reflect on, and act upon the data at least three times (including at baseline and at the conclusion of the activity) during the course of their meaningful participation in a quality initiative designated for MOC Part IV.
- PI-CME/MOC Part IV credit can ONLY be awarded to physicians, fellows, and residents.*

*This Portfolio program cannot offer MOC Part IV credit to DO physicians who are board certified through the AOA.