

HRET HIIN and ABMS Maintenance of Certification Part IV

Frequently Asked Questions – October 20, 2017

1. Why are we offering this to our hospitals and physicians?

- Through ABMS MOC Part IV credit, physicians can meet the requirements for maintaining their certification while meaningfully participating in quality improvement programs in their organizations.
- Participation in ABMS MOC Part IV will reduce duplication of quality improvement efforts; HRET HIIN hospitals currently engage in improvement efforts across 11 hospital-acquired condition topics.
- Currently, we have two eligible topics that qualify for MOC part IV credit. They are readmissions and VAE.
- This program will encourage the development of long-lasting improvements, while strengthening physicians' connection to the improvement efforts of their broader organizations.

2. What's MOC credit? Where can I find out more?

- ABMS' website is a great source of information for the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process <http://www.abms.org/board-certification/>
- http://www.abms.org/media/114633/abms-moc_board-eligibility-overview.pdf

3. What is my role as an HRET HIIN State Partner?

- As an HRET HIIN State Partner, we encourage you to share the benefits of this program with your hospitals as broadly as possible.
- The HRET team will provide a PDF with specific details for participating in the program that can be shared with your hospitals and physicians.

4. How does a physician at a HRET HIIN hospital get involved?

- Multiple physicians from the same hospital may participate; as long as the project is focused on a HIIN topic and meets ABMS' criteria and the physician attestation is complete. There is no limit to the number of participants.
- Physicians must complete and submit required participant information.

5. What's the process for attestation?

- HRET and ABMS will require that all participants complete and sign the ABMS attestation form.
- Physician participation may take many forms, including physician champion or sponsor, team lead, or project team member.
- Physicians are expected to participate on the project for at least 6 months and through at least two PDSA (plan-do-study-act) cycles.

6. Will those not in the HRET HIIN be able to participate?

- At this time, only hospitals participating in the HRET HIIN program may participate.

7. How do we share this news?

- Share the official press release: <http://www.abmssolutions.com/media/136500/american-hospital-association-to-participate-in-abms-portfolio-program.pdf>

- Share the blog from Drs. Jay Bhatt (AHA) and David Price (ABMS): <http://blog.aha.org/post/170410-aha-to-join-the-abms-multispecialty-portfolio-program>
- Like or retweet these tweets (with link to ABMS Press Release):
- HRET tweet: <https://twitter.com/HRETtweets/status/851484097222508544>
- ABMS tweet: <https://twitter.com/ABMSCert/status/851487457350647808>
- Additional promotional material will be forthcoming.

8. Which specialties are participating?

- The ABMS Specialty Board requirements by specialty are listed here:
- http://mocportfolioprogram.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/06_2016_Portfolio-Program-Credit-Offered.pdf

9. Who do I contact with questions that aren't answered here?

- For immediate questions, please contact the HRET HIIN team (hiinmociv@aha.org).