KEEP YOUR RTM INFORMATION CURRENT

Please remember to update the information contained in RTM concerning your program and your residents in a timely manner when changes occur. This includes:

Program Contact Information

- Program Director
- Program Coordinator
- Phone Contact
- Email Contact

Resident Training Information

- Add notes regarding any leave or extension of training (include beginning and end dates of LOAs)
- Update information for a transferring resident upon departure to reflect last training date and credits earned
- Update resident status when a resident leaves program due to resignation, termination, etc.
- Advance residents yearly to next training level

Remind your residents to review and maintain current contact information by logging in to their physician portfolio at www.theabfm.org. They should notify the program staff if any incorrect information has been entered for their name, birth date, SSN, medical school, ECFMG, etc., so that it may be corrected before the application for examination is submitted. Incorrect information delays the resident’s progress through the application cycle.
ABFM MC-FP EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2014

The dates for the November 2014 MC-FP Examination are November 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Residents who are in good standing and expected to complete training by December 31, 2014 will be eligible to apply for the November 2014 MC-FP Examination. Residents who are expected to complete training after December 31, 2014, but no later than April 30, 2015, may also be deemed eligible to apply for the November examination at the discretion of their program director.

A valid, full and unrestricted license is not necessary to apply for the examination.

Certification will be awarded upon completion of the following requirements:

- Successful performance on the ABFM MC-FP Examination
- Completion of training with verification from the program director that the resident has satisfactorily met all ACGME requirements
- Must obtain (and enter in your ABFM physician portfolio) a currently valid, full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the U.S. or Canada and be in compliance with the Guidelines on Professionalism, Licensure and Personal Conduct

In order to obtain certification, these conditions must be met by June 30, 2015.

Please check the Program Alerts box in RTM periodically to see if you have any residents whose verification of satisfactory completion of training needs to be completed. You may verify these off-cycle residents within 15 days of their actual completion date.

Residents can access the application beginning July 25, 2014 at www.theabfm.org by logging in to their physician portfolio with their ABFM ID/username and password. If a resident does not know their log in information, they may contact the ABFM Support Center at 1-877-223-7437 or help@theabfm.org.
ABFM MC-FP EXAMINATION APRIL 2014

The 2014 Spring MC-FP Examination will be administered on April 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28, and 29. The conditions listed below must be met no later than December 31, 2014, in order for certification to be awarded. Certification will be awarded effective as of the date on which the last of these criteria are met.

1. Must satisfactorily complete residency training no later than October 31, 2014
2. Must obtain (and enter in to your ABFM physician portfolio) a currently valid, full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the U.S. or Canada and be in compliance with the Guidelines on Professionalism, Licensure, and Personal Conduct no later than December 31, 2014 (institutional, temporary, or training licenses are not acceptable)
3. Verification from the program director that the resident has successfully met all of the ACGME requirements for residency training in family medicine must be submitted via the RTM System, upon completion of training but not later than December 31, 2014
4. Successful performance on the ABFM MC-FP examination

If a resident takes the examination, but does not fulfill ALL of these conditions by the December 31, 2014 deadline, the examination will be invalidated, the exam fee will be forfeited, and he/she will be required to retake the examination.

Please check the Program Alerts box in RTM periodically to see if you have any residents whose verification of satisfactory completion of training needs to be completed. You may verify these off-cycle residents within 15 days of their actual completion date.

Exam results are tentatively set to be released to the examinees on May 30, 2014.
MC-FP REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTS

The ABFM requires residents who entered family medicine residency training on or after June 1, 2012 (including those who received advanced placement credit for prior training in another specialty, including osteopathic training) to complete the Resident MC-FP Entry Process. In order to become certified by the ABFM, the following requirements must be met.

- Completion of 50 MC-FP points which includes:
  - Minimum of one (1) Self-Assessment Module (SAM)—15 points each
  - Minimum of one (1) Performance in Practice Module (Part IV) with data from a patient population—20 points each
- Application and full examination fee for the MC-FP examination
- Attainment of a valid, full, and unrestricted medical license and compliance with the Guidelines on Professionalism, Licensure, and Personal Conduct
- Successful completion of family medicine residency training
- Successful completion of the MC-FP examination

In order to satisfy the minimum requirement of one Performance in Practice (Part IV) module, residents MUST complete one Part IV activity using data from a patient population. Examples include:

- Asthma PPM
- Comprehensive PPM
- Coronary Disease PPM
- Depression PPM
- Diabetes PPM
- Hand Hygiene PPM
- Heart Failure PPM
- Hypertension PPM
- AAFP METRIC
- Self-Directed Practice Improvement Module (PIM)

Residents may complete one of the Alternative Part IV modules listed below to count toward the overall 50 point requirement. However, these Part IV activities do not count toward the minimum required Part IV activity with patient population data.

- Cultural Competency MIMM (15 points)
- Hand Hygiene Simulated PPM (20 points)
- Information Management MIMM (20 points)

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MC-FP REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTS cont.

When applying for the certification examination, a resident may begin the application process and submit payment for the examination without having all the MC-FP Part II and Part IV requirements completed. In order to avoid late application filing fees, it is recommended that physicians start the application early. However, in order to be approved to take the examination and select a test center date and location, all MC-FP Part II and Part IV requirements must be complete.

Residents will be able to complete the above requirements for the Resident MC-FP Entry process during their residency training years and up to three calendar years after completion of training. If a resident does not fulfill all requirements within the three calendar years following training completion, he/she will have to go through the ABFM MC-FP Entry process which includes the above requirements plus CME and additional process fees to gain certification. Any activities started or completed during the Resident MC-FP Entry process will not count toward the ABFM MC-FP Entry process.

LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATION STATUS

Please remind your residents that to obtain certification status they must hold a currently valid, full, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada. Residents may begin an application and sit for the exam while in the process of obtaining a permanent medical license; however, a permanent license without restrictions or limitations of any kind must be obtained in order to obtain certification (as long as all other certification requirements have been met). This requirement also applies to residents who may plan to continue their post-graduate training in a fellowship that requires only a training license.

The effective date of certification will be the date on which the physician has met all certification requirements. Any candidate that sits for the April exam who does not successfully obtain a currently valid, full, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada by December 31 of that year will have their exam invalidated with no refund of the exam fee. Any candidate who sits for the November exam must obtain a currently valid, full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada by June 30 of the following year or have their exam invalidated with no refund of the exam fee. In all cases, the candidate will be responsible for the full exam fee for any subsequent examination.
RESIDENTS’ CONTACT INFO AFTER RESIDENCY COMPLETION

The ABFM frequently experiences issues with being able to contact residents after completion of training. Please remember to use the resident’s personal mailing address and email address when creating their portfolio. Do not use the mailing address or generic email address of the residency program. Please encourage your graduating residents to keep the ABFM informed of their new mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses so that we are able to keep in touch with them concerning important matters. We receive many returned ABFM certificates marked as undeliverable or return to sender. Quite often we are unable to locate current mailing addresses or phone numbers to contact the individuals whose mail has been returned.

2014 In-Training Examination
Exam Dates – October 27-31, 2014
Online Testing Only

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