

Residency Performance Improvement Program (ResPIP)



The Residency Performance Improvement Program (ResPIP) pathway is a means for residency programs to demonstrate their ability to develop and oversee the successful completion of Performance Improvement (PI) projects for residents and faculty that meet ABFM Family Medicine Certification requirements. Approved sponsors will be able to develop and oversee PI projects without having to submit an application for each activity for ABFM review.

To participate in this pathway, residency programs will complete an application that includes several components of organizational capacity for teaching PI fundamentals and conducting PI projects.

Components of the application include:

1. Institutional characteristics such as leadership and organizational type.
2. Organizational history of conducting PI projects.
3. Organizational readiness for developing, conducting, and supervising PI projects that will qualify for ABFM PI credit.
4. Infrastructure for supporting PI projects that meet standards and meaningful participation.
5. Commitment to providing PI educational activities.
6. Examples of recent completed PI projects that meet ABFM PI activity standards.



Meaningful Participation Requirements

To receive ABFM PI credit, the physician must meaningfully participate in the activity.

1. Complete a patient care audit or assessment appropriate to your work setting.
2. Provide direct or consultative care to patients as part of the improvement project (if you provide patient care).
3. Participate in implementing the project's interventions (the changes designed to improve care or improve processes appropriate to your work setting).
4. Review project data that reflect the outcomes of the care you provide or the work activity, in keeping with the project's measurement plan.
5. Demonstrate active collaboration in the implementation of the project (e.g., team meetings, data analysis, implementation training, etc.).



▶ Organizational Requirements

Family Medicine Residency Programs participating in this program will need to meet the following requirements and responsibilities:

- **Review Committee**

The program will need to establish a review committee or group to systematically review PI projects against ABFM standards and approve those projects that meet the standards for PI credit.

- **Portfolio Manager**

The program will identify a portfolio manager to oversee the program's portfolio, submit required reports, report approved projects and physician completion results.

- **Notify ABFM of Approved Projects**

The residency program will inform ABFM of newly approved PI projects in a timely manner. Current information about approved projects helps ensure that all involved participants receive credit for completing a PI project.

- **Track Physician Participation and Notify ABFM of Completion**

Participants in PI projects formally attest that they have fulfilled ABFM's Meaningful Participation requirements (Section C) in order to earn Performance Improvement credit. The residency program manages the attestation process, document, approvals, and adjudicates any disputes regarding participation.

- **Notify ABFM of Project Completion**

The residency program notifies ABFM in a timely manner when a participant has completed an attestation so that Performance Improvement credit can be awarded.

▶ Performance Improvement Requirements

PI activities will need to include the following requirements to be approved by the Sponsor for PI credit:

- ❑ **Defined Project Aim and Intervention(s)**

A Performance Improvement (PI) project must have an explicit aim for improvement that will benefit patients and/or the residency program. The project aim should be expressed in a statement that describes what is to be improved, a desired numerical improvement goal, and a time frame for achieving improvement.

- ❑ **Use Standard Quality Improvement Methods**

ABFM is not linked to any specific improvement process. However, ABFM encourages the use of standard methodologies such as Six Sigma, The Model for Improvement, Lean, Continuous Quality Improvement, and others.

- ❑ **Comply with ABFM Industry Support Policy**

ABFM Industry Support Policy is available at theabfm.org/industrysupportpolicy

- ❑ **Include At Least One Improvement Cycle**

ABFM requires a minimum baseline measurement prior to implementing an intervention, a re-audit post-intervention, and a comparison of the two.

Ready to get started?

Visit theabfm.mymocam.com to register. After logging in, you will find the Residency Performance Improvement Program (ResPIP) application on the dashboard.



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