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# UNDERSTANDING YOUR ABIM MOC ASSESSMENT OPTIONS

Over the last few years, the options for meeting your ABIM MOC assessment requirements have expanded significantly, and you may be unclear about what they are and uncertain about which to choose. Please use the information below to compare the options and select the one that's best for you.

- 1. Traditional 10-year MOC Exam:** This exam covers the breadth of the field and must be taken at a testing center. Passing the exam meets your MOC assessment requirement for the next 10 years. For more information, visit <https://www.abim.org/maintenance-of-certification/assessment-information/assessment-options/traditional-moc-exam/>
- 2. Collaborative Maintenance Pathway (CMP):** This assessment option is delivered through ACC's Self-Assessment Programs (SAPs) and focuses on 20% of the field each year, allowing you to refresh your knowledge of the entire field over a 5-year period. When you've successfully completed your first 5-year cycle, you start over again – it's all about continuous learning. Yearly participation entails spending 7 hours engaging in the educational material for that year's topic, scoring 70% or better on that topic's practice questions, and passing a yearly Performance Assessment (a 60-question test on that year's topic). You'll have two chances to pass each year. For more information, visit [www.ACC.org/CMP](http://www.ACC.org/CMP)
- 3. Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA):** This new assessment option launches in January 2022 and is a 5-year cycle in which you answer questions covering the entire field on an ongoing basis. You are eligible to enroll in your assessment due year and will receive feedback on how you're performing along the way, and you'll remain certified throughout the entire 5-year period as long as you meet the LKA participation requirement and all other MOC requirements. A series of 30 questions will be offered every quarter and you can choose to not open 100 out of the 600 total questions over the 5-year cycle if you need a break. At the end of the 5-year cycle a determination will be made as to whether you met the performance standard. For more information, visit <https://www.abim.org/lka>
- 4. Knowledge Check-In (KCI):** This assessment option will be discontinued after 2021 and registration for the fall 2021 KCI in all cardiology specialties is now closed. Passing the KCI fulfills your MOC assessment requirement for the next four years.

		Traditional, 10-year MOC Exam	Collaborative Maintenance Pathway (delivered through ACC's SAPs)	Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment
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1	Required Frequency	Every 10 Years	Yearly	5-year cycle, with 30 questions offered each quarter. Must open at least 500 out of 600 questions offered over five years to meet the LKA Participation Requirement. Start the year your MOC assessment requirement is due.
2	Breadth of Discipline Covered	100% of the field.	20% of the field each year. Over 5 years, your entire knowledge base is refreshed, and you start over again in year 6.	100% of the field.
3	Number of Questions	180 questions	60 questions per Performance Assessment each year.	120 questions offered each year (30 per quarter and you may choose not to open 100 over each 5-year cycle).
4	Location	Test center only	At home or workplace. Delivered through ACC's Self-Assessment Programs  ACCSAP  CathSAP  EPSAP  HFSAP	Anywhere with an internet connection.
5	Available in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiovascular Disease</li> <li>• Interventional Cardiology</li> <li>• Clinical Cardiac EP</li> <li>• Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiovascular Disease</li> <li>• Interventional Cardiology</li> <li>• Clinical Cardiac EP</li> <li>• Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiovascular Disease in 2022</li> <li>• Interventional Cardiology in 2022</li> </ul>
6	Learning Materials Included	No	Yes Educational text, presentations, and hundreds of practice questions are included in each CMP SAP.	No – physicians can access all the materials they use in practice (except another person) Immediate feedback is provided with every question. Regular score reports are provided beginning in the second year of participation.
7	Open Book	Yes – Access to UpToDate®	Yes, through the SAP educational material, or through any resource except another person.	Yes, you may use any resource except another person.

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8	Immediate Results	No, within 3 months of administration.	Yes. 85% of participants will receive immediate feedback about their pass/fail status upon submitting the assessment.  All participants will receive a detailed Score Report 2 weeks after the assessment window closes.	The LKA Performance Standard indicates whether you met the passing score at the end of the 5-year cycle. While you'll receive feedback on how you're doing along the way, including how you are performing relative to the passing score, a determination is made at the end of the 5th year if you've met the Performance Standard.
9	Availability	2 times a year	2 one-week windows each year.	New questions delivered quarterly.
10	Points	20 MOC points for every assessment attempt.	Each CMP SAP offers 60 - 160 CME and MOC points per year.	0.2 MOC points for every correct answer.  20 MOC points for every 100 questions answered correctly.
11	Maximum amount of time required to participate	Study time varies based on each participant.  One full day of testing. <i>(approximately 2 minutes per question)</i>	9 hours per year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 hours of learning.</li> <li>• 2 hours to complete a performance assessment.</li> </ul> <i>(2 minutes per question)</i>	Study time varies based on each participant.  8 hours per year to complete the quarterly questions.  <i>(30 questions x 4 minutes per question each quarter = 2 hours per quarter)</i>
12	When can you first attempt/take?	You can first attempt in year 6.	To gain experience with the program <b>without the stress of achieving a passing score</b> , start early (before the year your MOC assessment is due).	You can start the year your MOC assessment is due.
13	What happens if you don't pass?	If you don't pass in the year your assessment is due, you won't lose certification as long as you are meeting your other MOC requirements. You can take the traditional, 10-year MOC exam in the following year, and if you pass and all other MOC requirements are met you will remain certified and your next assessment will be due in 10 years.		