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- 10-YEAR **TRADITIONAL EXAM**
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ACCSAP – A New MOC Assessment Option!

ACC and ABIM are providing a new option to offer cardiologists more choice, relevance and convenience in meeting the assessment requirement of the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. The shared goal is to continually improve all educational and assessment processes for physicians to stay current in knowledge and practice – ultimately in the service of better patient care.

This assessment option, called the **COLLABORATIVE MAINTENANCE PATHWAY**, will be available for cardiovascular disease starting in 2019, and it will integrate lifelong learning with assessment.

You can participate in the Collaborative Maintenance Pathway (CMP) if:

- It is offered in your specialty
 - A Cardiovascular Disease CMP will be available in 2019. A CMP for additional subspecialties will roll out in subsequent years. The current plan is anticipated to be:
 - Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology: 2020
 - Interventional Cardiology: 2020
 - Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology: 2020
- You are currently certified by ABIM

How Will the CMP for Cardiovascular Disease Work?

Starting in Fall 2019, ACCSAP will offer a new feature called a Performance Assessment. CMP Performance Assessments are shorter in length, consisting of approximately 60 questions that are focused on one or two specific topic areas in cardiology such as arrhythmias. A new Performance Assessment will be available each year, covering approximately 20% of the field of cardiovascular disease, so that in a span of 5 years the breadth of general cardiology will be covered.

If you successfully engage in ACCSAP educational materials and pass the Performance Assessment that is offered each year, you will be considered by the ABIM to be satisfying the assessment requirement towards maintaining your certification. You will not need to take the ABIM 10-year MOC exam or the ABIM Knowledge Check-in (every 2 years).

What About the CMP for Other Cardiovascular Sub-Specialties?

The CMP is anticipated for three additional sub-specialties in 2020:

- **Interventional Cardiology** will offer a CMP through CathSAP, developed in collaboration with the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography & Interventions (SCAI).
- **Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology** will offer a CMP through EP SAP, developed in collaboration with the Heart Rhythm Society (HRS).
- **Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology** will offer a CMP through Heart Failure SAP, developed in collaboration with the Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA).

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How Exactly Will the CMP for Cardiovascular Disease Work?

To participate in the CMP, you must:

- 1. Be currently certified by the ABIM** and not in an MOC exam grace period. (You can check your certification status by signing in to your ABIM Physician Portal at www.abim.org.)
- 2. Purchase ACCSAP.** Your purchase provides you with 5 years of access.
- 3. Spend 7 or more hours “engaging”** in the topic covered by the 2019 CMP Performance Assessment, which is Arrhythmias. This means you need to spend at least 7 hours:
 - Reading the text, watching/listening to presentations and/or completing practice questions in the Arrhythmias chapter
 - Completing all 94 Arrhythmias practice questions and answering at least 70% of them correctly (you may answer as many times as necessary to achieve that score).

Please note that the learning engagement for a topic must occur in the same calendar year as the Performance Assessment for that topic.

- 4. Take a Performance Assessment in the fall of 2019.** You will have two opportunities to do so. It is anticipated that you will receive your results immediately, plus a study guide that you can use to close any knowledge gaps identified by the assessment.

2019 is a “no consequences” year, which means you will be considered as maintaining your certification as long as you participate in both the engagement and performance components of the pathway. In 2020 and beyond, you must pass the Performance Assessment to be considered as meeting your ABIM assessment requirement and you will have two chances each year to do so. Your performance will be sent to ABIM annually so that they can accurately report whether or not you continue to meet your assessment requirement.

- 5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the next 4 years.**
- 6. Purchase ACCSAP again in year 6** to continue with the CMP for another five years.

When can my specialty participate in the CMP?

- **The Cardiovascular Disease CMP** will be offered through ACCSAP in **2019**.
- **The Interventional Cardiology CMP** is anticipated to be offered through CathSAP in **2020**. CathSAP is developed in collaboration with SCAL.
- **The Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology CMP** is anticipated to be offered through EP SAP in **2020**. EP SAP is developed in collaboration with HRS.
- **The Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology CMP** is anticipated to be offered through Heart Failure SAP in **2020**. Heart Failure SAP will be developed in collaboration with HFSA.
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What are the differences between the CMP, the ABIM's Knowledge Check-In, and the traditional MOC exam?

	CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (new yearly assessment)	KNOWLEDGE CHECK-IN (new 2-year assessment)	TRADITIONAL MOC EXAM (enhanced 10-year exam)
Required Frequency	Yearly	Every 2 Years	Every 10 Years
Location	At home or workplace	At home, workplace or test center	Test center only
Available in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular Disease in 2019 • Interventional Cardiology and Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, and Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology anticipated in 2020 (other specialties coming later) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular Disease in 2019 • Interventional Cardiology, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology and Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology coming in 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular Disease • Interventional Cardiology • Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology • Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology
Assessment Experience (Security)	Two-factor identity verification (not recorded or proctored)	Recorded & spot-checked (not live proctored)	Recorded with in-person proctoring
Learning Materials Included	Yes – educational text, presentations, and 600+ practice questions	No	No
Open Book	Yes, through the ACCSAP learning material.	Access to UptoDate®	Access to UptoDate®
Immediate Results	It is anticipated that results will be immediate.	Yes, and full results within 3 – 4 weeks of administration	No, within 3 months of administration
Scheduling Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 one-week windows in the fall of 2019. Exact dates Nov. 6 – 12, 2019 Dec. 4 – 10, 2019*. • No need to schedule; take at your convenience during the testing window. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4–6 times a year • Scheduling required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 times a year • Scheduling required
Breadth of Discipline Covered	20% of the field is covered in each year's performance assessment.	Currently, 100% of the field is covered with a more focused assessment being considered.	100% of the field is covered.
Points	ACCSAP offers 160 CME/MOC Medical Knowledge points. You may claim as many as you need each year.	Earn up to 60 medical knowledge points over a five-year period for each area of certification maintained (20 medical knowledge points for each assessment attempt).	20 medical knowledge points for every assessment attempt
Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 hours of learning to access performance assessment • 2 hours to complete performance assessment (2 minutes per question) 	About 3 hours will be allotted (approximately 2 minutes per question)	Same as current length- full day of testing (approximately 2 minutes per question)

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Will the CMP cover the breadth of my discipline or be more targeted?

Each year's CMP Performance Assessment will cover approximately 20% of the field. The table below outlines the topics to be tested over the next five years within ACCSAP. Each topic's corresponding text and practice questions will be thoroughly updated in the year of its Performance Assessment. However, you will always have access to **all** learning materials and practice questions in the entire SAP product so you can use the SAP as a reference tool. Only the Performance Assessment will be available in increments by topic or topic grouping.

YEAR	TOPICS COVERED IN ACCSAP'S CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT
2019	Arrhythmias
2020	Coronary Artery Disease
2021	Heart Failure Pulmonary Circulation Disorders
2022	Valve Disease Congenital Heart Disease
2023	Vascular Disease Hypertension Pericardial Disease Systemic Disorders of the Circulatory System

What does “no consequences” mean for the CMP?

- 2019 is a “no consequences” year, which means you will be considered as maintaining your certification as long as you participate in both the engagement and performance components of the pathway. If you are successful on the ACCSAP CMP Performance Assessment in 2019, it will count as a pass. If you are not successful and your exam was due in 2019, there will be no change to your certification status and you can continue to participate in the CMP. In 2020 and beyond, you must pass either the first or second offering of the Performance Assessment to be considered as maintaining your certification.
- A “no consequences” year doesn't mean you can skip the assessment. If you skip it, and your certification expires in 2019, your status will change to Not Certified.
- In addition to meeting other certification requirements, physicians with certifications expiring in 2019 will need to take one of the three available MOC Assessment Options or they will no longer be certified. Available options include the ABIM 10-Year Traditional Exam, the ABIM 2-Year Knowledge Check In, and ACCSAP's CMP Performance Assessment.

Can I take the CMP and should I try it?

If you are currently certified by ABIM, and you are not in an MOC exam grace period, ACC invites you to try the CMP! Three reasons to try it include:

- If your certification expires in 2019, you can participate in the ACCSAP CMP at no risk because 2019 is a “no consequences” year (see previous question). Plus, you can earn all the CME and MOC medical knowledge points you need!

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- If your certification expires in 2020 or beyond, you can participate in the ACCSAP CMP at no risk and gain experience with the new process. Plus, you can earn all the CME and MOC medical knowledge points you need!
- Similar to the KCI and the traditional MOC exam, ACCSAP's CMP will offer you two chances to pass each administration year!

If I choose the CMP, will I still have to take the traditional MOC exam?

If you pass ACCSAP's CMP Performance Assessment each year after 2019 (because 2019 is a no consequences year), you won't need to take the traditional MOC exam to maintain your certification.

I want to participate in the CMP. How do I confirm that my personal computer will work?

You can take ACCSAP's CMP Performance Assessment on a laptop or desktop. Although the learning material and practice questions are available via tablet or mobile phone, you may not use a tablet or mobile phone to take the CMP Performance Assessment. ACCSAP is optimized for use with Chrome, Firefox, Edge, and Safari; ACC recommends that you avoid using Internet Explorer to view this product.

If you are able to answer the practice questions within ACCSAP on your laptop/desktop, then you will be able to answer the questions within the CMP Performance Assessment.

Checklist to Prepare for Taking ACCSAP's CMP Performance Assessment:

- ☐ Do you have Chrome, Firefox, Edge or Safari on your laptop/desktop? (ACC recommends that you avoid using Internet Explorer)
- ☐ Did you spend at least 7 hours engaging with the material related to this year's ACCSAP CMP Performance Assessment? (reading the text, watching the presentations and answering all practice questions with a minimum score of 70% correct)
- ☐ Do you have a private space that is free from disruptions for the 2 hours allotted for the assessment?
- ☐ Do you have reliable internet access?

When exactly can I take ACCSAP's CMP Performance Assessment?

The first Performance Assessment administration window is scheduled for **November 6 – 12, 2019**, and the second is scheduled for **December 4 – 10, 2019***. During each one-week window, you may take the Performance Assessment once at your convenience any time of day or night. You do not need to schedule a specific time because there is no proctor.

Please note that **if you want two chances to pass, you must participate in the first Performance Assessment**; if you miss it or skip it, then you will only have one attempt to pass with the second Performance Assessment.

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Is the CMP “open-book”?

Yes, but keep in mind that you only have 2 hours to complete the assessment, which consists of 60 questions.

How do I know if I pass the CMP?

ACCSAP's CMP Performance Assessment is delivered online so it is anticipated that you will receive your results immediately, along with a study guide designed to help you close any knowledge gaps identified by the Assessment.

What happens if I don't pass the CMP Performance Assessment?

If you don't pass in 2019, you will still be counted as maintaining your certification because 2019 is a “no consequences” year (see page 4, previous question). After 2019, you must pass the CMP Performance Assessment every year to be considered as maintaining your certification. But remember, you have two chances to pass each year – the first Performance Assessment anticipated in early fall and the second Performance Assessment in later fall.

After 2019, if you do not pass a CMP Performance Assessment you have the option to maintain your board certification by passing ABIM's two-year Knowledge Check-in (KCI) or the 10-year exam. After passing one of ABIM's alternatives, you can then return to ACC's CMP.

Do I have to buy ACCSAP each year to participate in CMP?

Your purchase of ACCSAP includes five years of access, so you only need to buy it once every five years. Plus, the yearly price of ACCSAP has decreased from \$400 per year to \$300 a year – a 25% savings!

My institution subscribes to CardioSource Plus. Will the CMP be available through it?

Your institution's subscription to CardioSource Plus includes the traditional elements of ACCSAP (text, presentations, and practice questions). It does not include the new CMP element, which is called the Performance Assessment. If you want to participate in the CMP, you will need to purchase your own personal version of ACCSAP.

My assessment due date is not until 2021 or later. When should I start participating in the CMP?

- You are not required to do anything before the year your assessment is due. As long as you take the Performance Assessment and pass it in the year your current certificate expires, you will be counted as meeting your assessment requirement.
- You can gain experience taking Performance Assessments without the stress of achieving a passing score by purchasing ACCSAP early and taking the Performance Assessment. You are not required to pass a Performance Assessment until the year your assessment is due.

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- In addition to helping you become familiar with the Performance Assessment, ACCSAP will also provide you with all of the CME and MOC Medical Knowledge (Part II) points that you need each year.
- If you decide that you would prefer to take a different assessment option (such as ABIM's traditional 10-year exam or Knowledge Check-In), you may use ACCSAP as a study tool or you may simply use it to keep yourself current in cardiovascular knowledge.

I already bought ACCSAP. Now what should I do?

You will be invited to officially enroll in the CMP later this summer. Until then, if you are interested in participating in the CMP, you should start “engaging” in the topic covered by the 2019 CMP Performance Assessment, which is Arrhythmias. This means you need to spend at least seven hours:

- Reading the text online and/or watching/listening to presentations in the Arrhythmias chapter
- Completing all 94 Arrhythmias practice questions and answering at least 70% of them correctly (you may answer as many times as necessary to achieve that score).
- The seven hours must be accrued in the same calendar year as the Performance Assessment for that topic.
- ACCSAP will automatically track your online engagement hours for you. Please note that you must be online in order for your engagement hours to count. If you download audio files and listen to them offline, that time will not be counted.

Later this fall, the Performance Assessment will become available and anyone who is currently certified by ABIM, and is not in an MOC exam grace period, and who has completed the steps above may participate in the Performance Assessment.

I have already completed all the topics within ACCSAP and claimed all the MOC/CME. Will I have to redo the seven hours every year before taking the performance assessment?

Yes, you will have to redo the seven hours for the topic(s) featured in each year's performance assessment, but ACC will update that topic. For example, the 2020 Performance Assessment will focus on CAD. The current CAD “learning material” (text, presentations, and practice questions) will be replaced by an updated version in early 2020, so even though you have to spend another seven hours engaging with it, it will be different material than what you saw this year.

Can I use the ACCSAP CMP to regain my certification status if my ABIM Cardiovascular Disease certificate has lapsed because I have not taken the 10-year examination?

No, currently the only “re-entry” pathways for a lapsed certificate are (1) to take and pass the traditional 10-year MOC Exam or (2) to take and pass two consecutive Knowledge Check-Ins within two years. Diplomates in this category should check with ABIM for specific actions and to note the dates when exams are offered.

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If my subspecialty certificate (EP, Interventional, or Heart Failure) is scheduled to lapse in 2019, can I take the ACCSAP CMP and “apply” the results toward fulfillment of my subspecialty certification?

No, if your subspecialty certification will lapse in 2019, your only option to avoid a lapse in your certification is to take ABIM’s traditional 10-year MOC exam in 2019. The KCI and CMP options for cardiovascular subspecialties will not be available until 2020.

Can I take the Performance Assessment as many times as I want during each administration windows?

No, you will have two chances annually to take and pass your Performance Assessment and you may take it **once during each administration window**. To ensure that you have two chances to pass, you must participate in the first Performance Assessment administration window (November 6-12, 2019). If you miss or skip it, then you will have only one attempt to pass with the second Performance Assessment administration window (December 4-10, 2019*).

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Besides meeting the Performance Assessment requirement, does participating in the ACCSAP CMP also fulfill ABIM’s MOC requirements?

With regard to ABIM’s MOC point requirement, over time, continuous engagement with the annual ACCSAP CMP will earn you more than enough MOC points to meet the MOC 100-point requirement every five years. However, if your five-year MOC point requirement is due within the next two or three years, additional points may be necessary. This would all depend on how many points you have already accrued once you enter the pathway. ACCSAP offers a total of 160 CME/MOC points, so you may need to claim MOC points for topics above and beyond the topic(s) that are the focus of that year’s CMP.

Be sure to check your ABIM physician portal to see your specific circumstance. If you are maintaining certification in Interventional Cardiology, please note that the five-year attestation requirement also remains in place.

What is the total cost to participate in the CMP?

Participation in the CMP involves two separate costs:

- ABIM annual cost to participate in MOC*
 - \$128 per year if you pay BEFORE the year due
 - \$160 per year if you pay IN the year due
 - \$180 if you pay AFTER the year due
- ACCSAP purchase, which gives you 5 years of access to all learning and assessment materials**
 - \$1,500 for an ACC Member
 - \$1,900 for a Nonmember
 - \$900 for Fellows in Training or Emeritus Members

**Paid directly to ABIM regardless of the MOC option you choose*

***Paid directly to ACC for access to all CME learning content plus the option to use ACCSAP as your MOC assessment option through the CMP*

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REASONS TO CONSIDER THE CMP

- 1. It's delivered through a trusted resource — ACCSAP.** The CMP is available through ACCSAP, ACC's flagship self-assessment program covering the entire field of cardiovascular disease. Chances are, you're already familiar with ACCSAP and know that it is a great resource for refreshing your knowledge, testing yourself, and earning all the CME and MOC medical knowledge points that you need to stay licensed and certified. Now you will also be able to use it to meet your MOC assessment requirement.
- 2. It helps you shift to a “continuous learning” mindset.** ACCSAP's CMP Performance Assessment covers approximately 20% of the field each year, letting you refresh your knowledge of the whole discipline over a 5-year period rather than all at once. The table below shows the specific topics that will be tested each year.

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- 3. It's easy to track and remember.** Just take the 60-question Performance Assessment within ACCSAP every year. (Your purchase of ACCSAP provides you with 5 years of access.)
- 4. Similar to ABIM's KCI and 10-year assessments, you get 2 chances to pass the ACCSAP CMP Performance Assessment each administration year!** You may attempt the CMP assessment one time during each of the two testing windows offered each year (exact dates TBD). The Performance Assessment is completed entirely online so you can take it from any location with a desktop or laptop and internet access (the CMP will not work on mobile devices or tablets).
- 5. You risk nothing by trying!** You can participate in the ACCSAP CMP at no risk for the first year because 2019 is a “no consequences” year (this means that you will continue to be counted as maintaining your ABIM certification simply by completing the CMP requirements). Plus, you can earn all the CME and MOC medical knowledge points you need!