A NEW OPTION FOR MAINTAINING YOUR ABIM CERTIFICATION!
The Collaborative Maintenance Pathway (CMP)

ACCSAP WITH PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

April 2019
THE CMP INTEGRATES LIFELONG LEARNING WITH ASSESSMENT

- ACCSAP: CMP IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
- CathSAP: CMP IN INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY
- EPSAP: CMP IN ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY
- HFSAP: CMP IN ADVANCED HEART FAILURE & TRANSPLANT CARDIOLOGY

Available in 2019

Anticipated in 2020
### KEY CONCEPTS OF THE CMP

- Promotes continuous learning through a focus on **20% OF THE FIELD EACH YEAR**.
- You start with whatever topic is the focus the year that you opt in.
- Requires **YEARLY PARTICIPATION**.
- You have to do something **EVERY YEAR** to maintain your certification via the CMP.

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This fall, Dr. Patel **SHOULD TAKE THE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT**. 2019 is a “no consequences” year, so it does not matter if she passes the assessment; she just needs to participate.

Starting in 2020, Dr. Patel needs to **SPEND 7 HOURS ENGAGING IN THE TOPIC** of the year’s performance assessment and **PASS THE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT EACH YEAR**.
Dr. Wilson's current certificate expires in 2023. If he wants to use the CMP to maintain his certification, what does he need to do?

- Dr. Wilson is **NOT REQUIRED TO DO ANYTHING UNTIL 2023**. As long as he takes the Performance Assessment and passes it in 2023, he will be counted as meeting his assessment requirement.

- Between now and 2023, Dr. Wilson can **GAIN EXPERIENCE WITH THE CMP WITHOUT THE STRESS OF ACHIEVING A PASSING SCORE BY PURCHASING ACCSAP EARLY**. He is not required to pass a Performance Assessment until 2023.

- Dr. Wilson can **USE ACCSAP TO EARN ALL THE CME AND MOC MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE (PART II) POINTS** that he needs.

- Starting **IN 2023**, Dr. Wilson **MUST SPEND 7 HOURS ENGAGING** in the topic of the year’s Performance Assessment and **PASS THE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT EACH YEAR**.
ACCSAP covers THE ENTIRE FIELD OF ADULT CLINICAL CARDIOLOGY THROUGH 11 TOPICS, all of which are listed on the dashboard.

Each topic offers CME/MOC credit – 160 CREDITS TOTAL!

ACCSAP consists of TWO PRIMARY ELEMENTS:

1. Educational material
2. Questions
ACCSAP offers you CHOICE IN HOW YOU LEARN about each topic.

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ACCSAP also offers you **CHOICE IN HOW TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.**

You can answer questions on a single topic (shown here).
If you want to answer questions on more than one topic, **YOU CAN BUILD A QUIZ.**

**CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING PARAMETERS:**

- Study vs. Exam mode
- Topics to include
- Question type (unanswered, incorrectly answered, etc.)
- Number of questions to include
Build a quiz lets you see a score report by topic.
An 80-year-old female with hypertension and diabetes mellitus presented to your clinic with exertional dyspnea and fatigue. Her current medications included lisinopril 10 mg daily and glyburide 5 mg daily. Her family history was significant for coronary artery disease and hypertension. On examination, her blood pressure was 145/80 mm Hg with heart rate of 50 bpm. A cardiovascular examination revealed II/VI early peaking ejection systolic murmur and the remainder of the examination was unremarkable. She underwent a nuclear stress imaging study on a modified Bruce protocol; she exercised for 6 minutes and stopped secondary to fatigue. Her maximum blood pressure and heart rate were 180/90 mm Hg and 96 bpm, respectively. There were no ischemic electrocardiogram changes and her perfusion images showed no evidence of stress-induced ischemia.

What is the most likely cause of her symptoms?

A. Deconditioning. 11.49%
B. Chronotropic incompetence. 70.16%
C. Aortic stenosis. 4.6%
D. Hypertension. 1.15%
E. Microvascular dysfunction. 4.6%

Commentary  References  Key Point

Sinus node dysfunction (SND) refers to a broad array of abnormalities in sinus node and atrial impulse formation and propagation. These include persistent sinus bradycardia and chronotropic incompetence without identifiable causes, paroxysmal or persistent sinus arrest with replacement by subsidiary escape rhythms in the atrium, atrioventricular (AV) junction, or ventricular myocardium. This patient’s symptoms are related to SND with chronotropic incompetence as evidenced by her heart rate response during exercise, with a peak heart rate <100 bpm and <70% age-predicted maximum heart rate.
Topic Dashboard

Browse content by topic and complete related questions. Each topic within ACCSAP will receive a major update every five years, plus an update each year if warranted by the latest science or guidelines. The dates of the major updates are noted on the dashboard below. Yearly updates can be found within individual modules and are labeled “2019 Update.”

Arhythmias
- Last updated January 2019
- 22 CME Available, 22 MOC Available, 22 ECME Available
- Credit expires on Jan 21, 2022
- 0/94 Questions Answered

Coronary Artery Disease
- Last updated July 2019
- 24 CME Available, 44 MOC Available, 54 ECME Available
- Credit expires on Jan 21, 2020
- 0/169 Questions Answered
HOW EXACTLY WILL THE CMP FOR CVD WORK?

To participate in the CMP, you must:

1. Be currently **CERTIFIED BY THE ABIM** and **NOT IN AN EXAM GRACE PERIOD**.

2. **PURCHASE ACCSAP**. Your purchase provides you with 5 years of access.
HOW EXACTLY WILL THE CMP FOR CVD WORK?

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 and/or watching/listening to presentations
- Completing all the Arrhythmias practice questions and answering at least 70% of them correctly (you may answer as many times as necessary to achieve that score).

The 7 hours must be accrued in the calendar year in which the Performance Assessment occurs.

ACCSAP will track your engagement for you. The 7 hours must be completed online. If you download audio files to listen offline, it will not count.
4. TAKE A PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (PA) IN THE FALL OF 2019.

- You will have **2 OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE THE PA** with a 1-week window each. Exact dates are not yet available.
- Take the **PA AT YOUR CONVENIENCE IN YOUR HOME OR OFFICE** – no need to schedule a time.
- Receive your **RESULTS IMMEDIATELY**, plus a study guide to help you close any knowledge gaps.
- **2019 IS A “NO CONSEQUENCES” YEAR**; you will be considered as meeting your assessment requirement as long as you participate in both the engagement and performance components of the pathway.
- **IN 2020 AND BEYOND, YOU MUST MEET THE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT AND PASS** the Performance Assessment every year to be considered as meeting your ABIM assessment requirement. You will have 2 chances to pass each year.
- Your pass/fail results will be sent to ABIM annually.
HOW EXACTLY WILL THE CMP FOR CVD WORK?

5. REPEAT STEPS 3 AND 4 for the next 4 years (but on a different 20% of the field each year).

6. PURCHASE ACCSAP AGAIN IN YEAR 6 to continue with the CMP for another five years.
WHAT DOES “NO CONSEQUENCES” MEAN FOR THE CMP?

1. 2019 is a “no consequences” year for the CMP. **AS LONG AS YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE CMP**, you will be considered as meeting your assessment requirement. Participation includes:
   - Spending 7 hours learning/engaging/answering all Practice questions and scoring 70% or better
   - Taking the CMP Performance Assessment in the Fall

2. **IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL** on the ACCSAP CMP Performance Assessment in 2019, **IT WILL COUNT AS A PASS**.
WHAT DOES “NO CONSEQUENCES” MEAN FOR THE CMP?

3. 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.

4. In **2020 AND BEYOND, YOU MUST PASS** either the first or second offering of the performance assessment to be considered as meeting your assessment requirement.

5. **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.
WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON’T PASS THE CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT?

**2019**

If you don’t pass in 2019, you will still be counted as meeting your assessment requirement **BECAUSE 2019 IS A “NO CONSEQUENCES” YEAR.**

**2020 & BEYOND**

You **MUST PASS THE CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT EVERY YEAR** to be considered as meeting your assessment requirement. You get **2 CHANCES TO PASS EACH YEAR.**

**IF YOU DO NOT PASS A CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT** you have the option to meet your assessment requirement by passing ABIM’s KCI or the 10-year exam. After passing one of ABIM’s alternatives, you can then return to the CMP.

*American College of Cardiology*
DO I HAVE TO BUY ACCSAP EACH YEAR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CMP?

YOUR PURCHASE OF ACCSAP INCLUDES FIVE YEARS OF ACCESS, so you only need to buy it once every five years.

- $1,500 for an ACC Member
- $1,900 for a Nonmember
- $900 for Fellows in Training or Emeritus Members

(The average yearly price of ACCSAP for members has decreased from $400 to $300 – a 25% savings.)
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

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

**ACCSAP PURCHASE, WHICH GIVES YOU 5 YEARS OF ACCESS**
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**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**
CAN I USE THE CMP TO **RE_GAIN MY CERTIFICATION STATUS** IF MY ABIM CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE CERTIFICATE HAS LAPSED?

**NO**, currently the only “re-entry” pathways for a lapsed certificate are:

1. Take and pass the traditional 10-year MOC Exam

2. 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.
IF MY SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATE (EP, INTERVENTION 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 certification is to take the 10-year examination in 2019.

The KCI and CMP options for cardiovascular subspecialties WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN 2020, BUT NOT EARLIER.
If you are currently certified by ABIM, and you are not in an MOC exam grace period, **ACC INVITES YOU TO TRY THE CMP.**

**3 REASONS TO TRY IT:**

1. If your certification expires in 2019, you can **PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCSAP CMP AT NO RISK** because 2019 is a “no consequences” year. Plus, you can use ACCSAP to earn all the CME and MOC medical knowledge points you need.

2. If your certification **expires in 2020 or beyond**, you can participate in the ACCSAP CMP and **GAIN EXPERIENCE WITH THE NEW PROCESS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES UNTIL THE YEAR OF YOUR EXPIRATION.** Plus, you can earn all the CME and MOC medical knowledge points you need.

3. Similar to the KCI and the traditional MOC exam, ACCSAP’s CMP will offer you **TWO CHANCES TO PASS** each administration year.
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• ACC.org/MOC

• ACC’s Member Care Team:
  Phone: 800-253-4636, x5603
  Email: resource@acc.org

• ABIM:
  Phone: 800-441-2246
  Email: requests@abim.org
THANK YOU!

If you have questions, please type them in now.