

# A NEW OPTION FOR MAINTAINING YOUR ABIM CERTIFICATION!

## The Collaborative Maintenance Pathway (CMP)

**SAPs** WITH PERFORMANCE  
ASSESSMENT



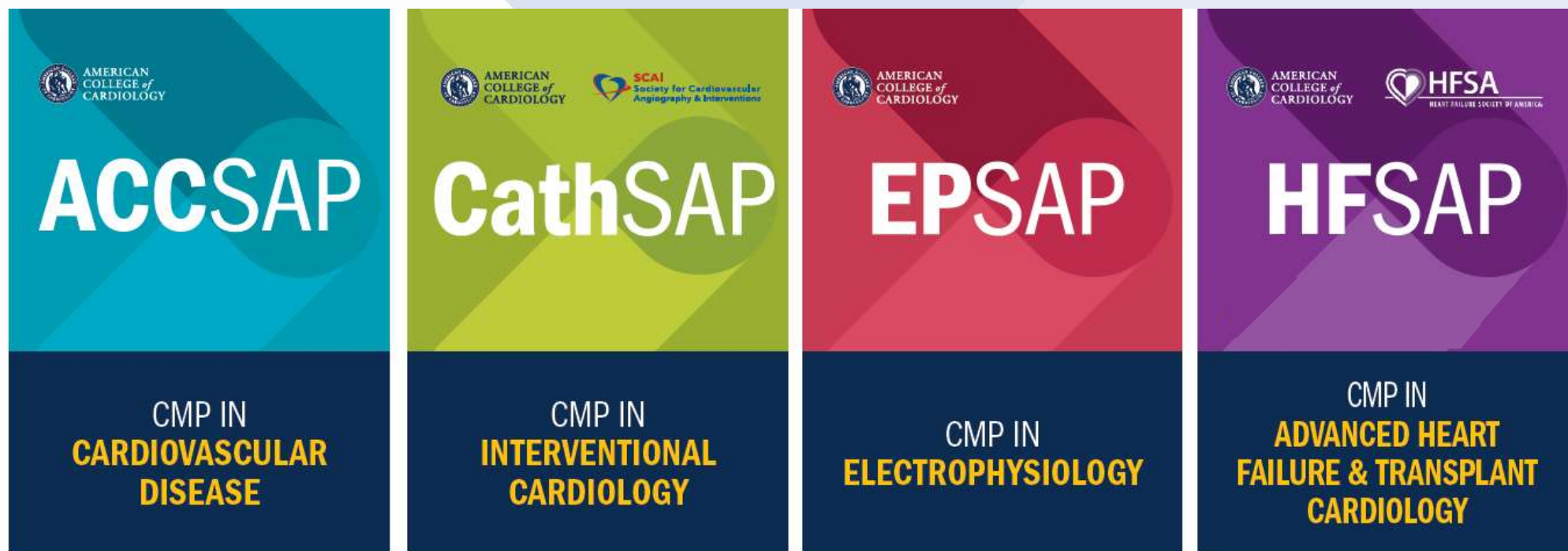
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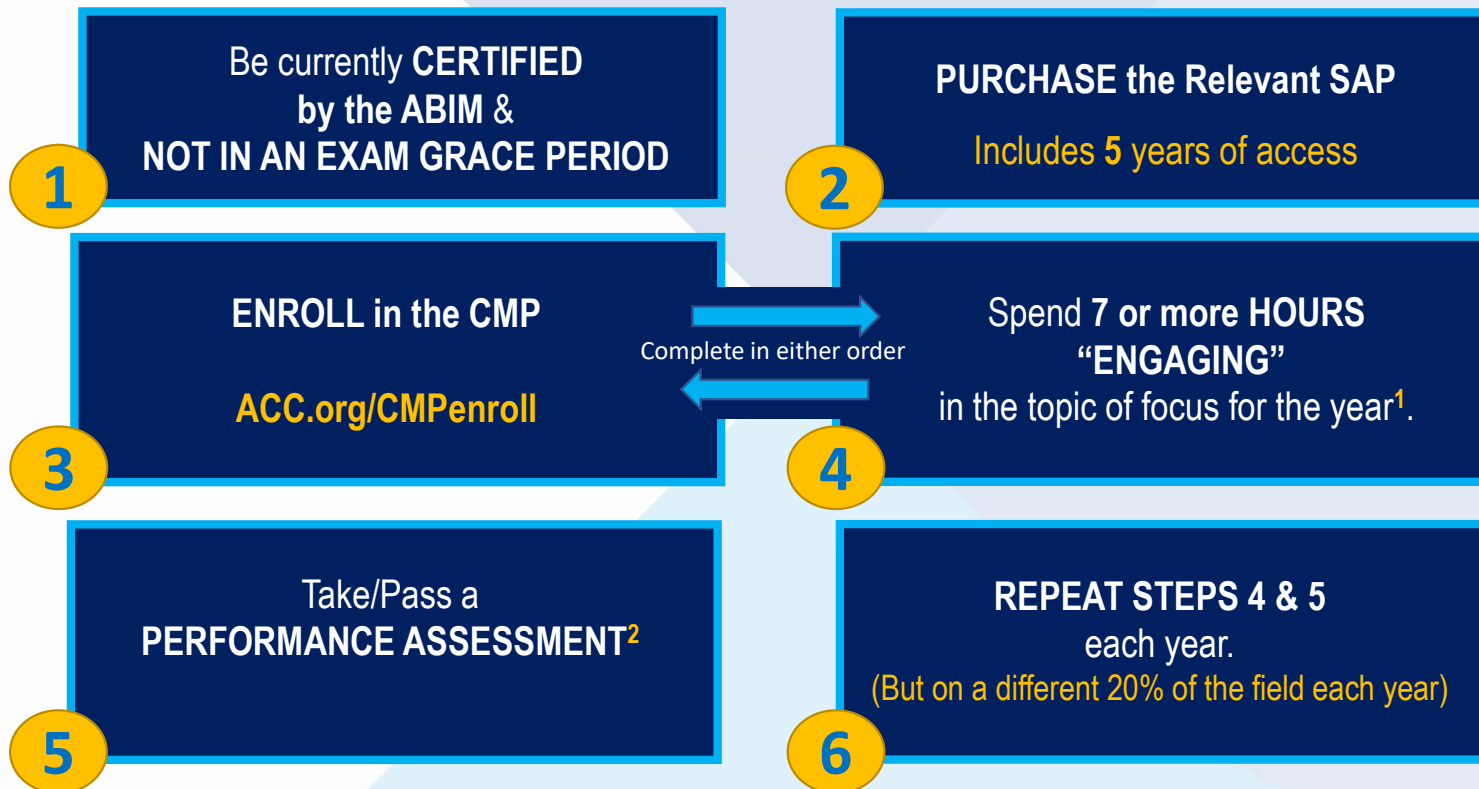
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# THE CMP **INTEGRATES LIFELONG LEARNING WITH ASSESSMENT**



## 6 STEPS TO PARTICIPATING IN THE **CMP** in 2020 / 2021



<sup>1</sup> Your 7 hours must include achieving a score of 70% or better on the practice questions.

<sup>2</sup> The CMP for CVD is a "regular" year in 2020 / 2021 which means you need to PASS a Performance Assessment. The CMP for IV, EP, and HF is "no consequences" in 2020 / 2021, so no passing score is required.

# YOU HAVE EXTRA TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CMP REQUIREMENTS!

**ACC and ABIM have extended the 2020 CMP into 2021** to provide physicians with the flexibility to focus on their patients and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Currently certified physicians with a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) requirement due in 2020 may have an additional year (through 2021) to complete that requirement.

## What does this mean for the CMP?

- CMP topics for 2020 will extend into 2021.
- Performance Assessments can be taken at the end of 2020 or in 2021.
- If your certificate is due in 2020 or 2021 and you complete your learning engagement requirement and take/pass a CMP Performance Assessment in 2020, you do not have to do anything additional in 2021. To continue meeting your MOC assessment requirement with the CMP, you must resume your yearly participation in 2022.

# STEP 1: Be currently CERTIFIED by the ABIM and NOT in an EXAM GRACE PERIOD

To participate in the CMP, you must **BE CERTIFIED** by the ABIM and **NOT IN AN EXAM GRACE PERIOD**.

A grace period occurs when you fail an assessment in the year you were due but have met all of your other MOC program requirements. If you are in a grace period and have questions, please contact the ABIM directly.

**You can check your certification status by signing in to your ABIM Physician Portal at [www.abim.org](http://www.abim.org).**

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# STEP 2: Purchase the Relevant SAP

(your purchase provides you with 5 years of access)



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

CardioSource Plus includes the traditional elements of a SAP (text, presentations, practice questions). It does not include the CMP. **TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CMP, YOU MUST PURCHASE YOUR OWN PERSONAL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SAP\*\*.**

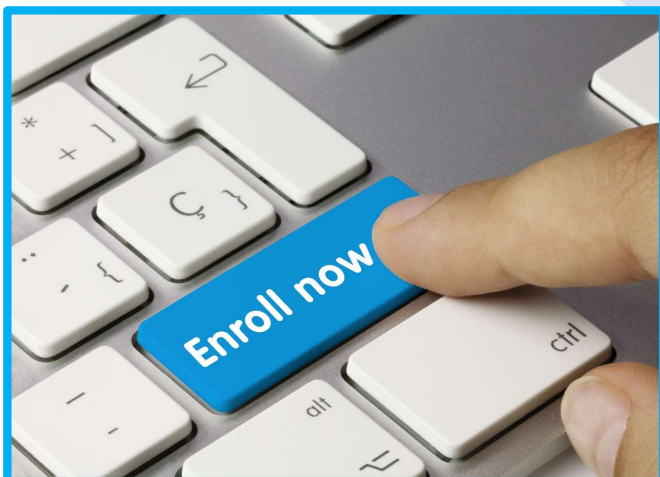
As long as you use the [SAME ACC.ORG ACCOUNT](https://www.acc.org) to access the SAP through CardioSource Plus and to access your personal subscription to the SAP, your progress and usage data will be stored in one central location. This includes any time already spent toward your 7 hours of Learning Engagement.

### \*\*CardioSource Plus Users can Order SAPs by:

- **ENROLLING in the CMP**, which will prompt you to buy ACCSAP (*technical difficulties prevent CardioSource Plus users from purchasing **outside** of enrollment*).
- **CALLING** ACC's Member Care team at **800-253-4636, x5603** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.

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## STEP 3: ENROLL in the CMP



To enroll, visit  
**ACC.org/CMPEnroll**

Enrolling is easy! To enroll, you must:

- Have a **PERSONAL SUBSCRIPTION** to the **SAP**\*.
- Have your **ABIM DIPLOMATE** number, **DATE OF BIRTH**, and the **NAME** that appears on your ABIM certificate.
- Have a **CELL PHONE NUMBER** or **EMAIL ADDRESS** that you can use for 2-Factor Authentication.

After enrolling:

- You will have **ACCESS TO THE CMP HUB** within the SAP, where you can track your 7 hours and access Performance Assessments.
- You can **CONTINUE WORKING TOWARD YOUR 7 HOURS / 70%**

## STEP 4: Spend 7 HOURS “ENGAGING” and SCORE 70%



**Spend 7 hours  
reading, watching,  
& scoring 70%**

Study Online and the  
SAP Tracks  
Your Time!

- Spend **7 OR MORE HOURS “ENGAGING”** in the topic covered by the CMP Performance Assessment. Spend at least 7 hours:
  - Reading the text and/or watching/listening to presentations
  - Completing **ALL** the practice questions and answering at least 70% of them correctly (you may answer as many times as necessary to achieve that score).
- If you **STUDY ONLINE, the SAP will track your time**. If you download files to listen/read offline, it will not count.
- Visit the **CMP HUB WITHIN the SAP** to see your progress toward 7 hours and a score of 70%. The CMP Hub will become available after you enroll in the CMP for that SAP’s specialty.



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# STEP 5: Take a PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

## 2020 / 2021 Performance Assessment Dates

### ACCSAP

Dec. 2 – 8, 2020  
May 5 – 11, 2021  
Aug. 11 – 17, 2021

### CathSAP & EP SAP

Nov. 4 – 10, 2020  
Jun. 23 – 29, 2021

### HF SAP

Feb. 17 – 23, 2021  
Jun. 23 – 29, 2021

## Performance Assessments are TESTS that are:

- **SHORTER** in length (60 questions that are structured just like the Practice questions in the SAP)
- **FOCUSED** on only 20% of the ABIM blueprint each year
- **OPEN BOOK**
- **TIMED** – you will have 2 hours to complete the test and you must complete it in one sitting.
- **ONLINE** – you may take a performance assessment in your home or office
- Available **DURING SPECIFIC WEEKS EACH YEAR**. Because the CMP for 2020 has been extended into 2021, Performance Assessments (PAs) will be spread across the two years:

**ACCSAP will feature a total of 3 PAs during 2020 / 2021, and you may participate in any 2 of them.** Please keep in mind that if you want two chances to pass, you must participate in either the first or second PA. If you miss or skip them both, then you will only have one opportunity to pass with the third PA.

**CathSAP, EP SAP, and HF SAP will offer 2 PAs each:** You may take a PA once during each offering.

# STEP 6: REPEAT STEPS 4 and 5 Each Year

CMP Topics by Year

YEAR	ACCSAP	CathSAP	EP SAP	HF SAP
2020 / 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coronary Artery Disease</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pharmacology</li> <li>Basic Science</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supraventricular Tachycardias</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acute Heart Failure</li> <li>Pulmonary Hypertension</li> </ul>
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heart Failure</li> <li>Pulmonary Circulation Disorders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiac Imaging &amp; Assessment</li> <li>Anatomy, Anatomic Variants, Anatomic Pathology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ventricular Arrhythmias</li> </ul>	<p><u>HFrEF</u></p>
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valve Disease</li> <li>Congenital Heart Disease</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case Selection &amp; Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>HFpEF</u></li> <li>Special Etiologies</li> </ul>
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vascular Disease</li> <li>Hypertension</li> <li>Pericardial Disease</li> <li>Systemic Disorders of the Circulatory System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedural Techniques</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atrial Arrhythmias</li> <li>Clinical Scenarios and Syndromes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical Circulatory Support</li> </ul>
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrhythmias</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catheter-Based <u>Mgmt</u> of Noncoronary Disease</li> <li>Complications of Coronary Intervention</li> <li>Miscellaneous</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic Physiology, Anatomy, Pharmacology, and Genetics</li> <li>Core Concepts of Clinical Arrhythmias</li> <li>Bradycardias and Conduction Disorders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heart Transplant</li> </ul>

- 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 enroll.
- You have to do something **EVERY YEAR\*** to maintain your certification via the CMP:
  - Spend 7 hours engaging in the topic(s), including achieving a score of 70% or better on the practice questions for the topic(s)
  - PASS the Performance Assessment.

**\*2020 & 2021 are exceptions to the “every year” rule. Due to the pandemic, you may choose to participate in the CMP during either 2020 or 2021. You must resume yearly participation again in 2022.**

# WHAT DOES “NO CONSEQUENCES” MEAN FOR THE CMP?

2020 / 2021 ARE  
“NO CONSEQUENCES”



CMP IN  
**INTERVENTIONAL  
CARDIOLOGY**



CMP IN  
**ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY**



CMP IN  
**ADVANCED HEART  
FAILURE & TRANSPLANT  
CARDIOLOGY**

**You Must Take a Performance Assessment in 2020 or 2021,  
but you do NOT need to Pass. *You must PASS in 2022 & beyond.***

1. **2020 / 2021 ARE “NO CONSEQUENCES” FOR THE CMP IN IV, EP & HF. 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.

2. **IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL** on the CMP Performance Assessment in 2020 / 2021, **IT WILL COUNT AS A PASS.**

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3. If you are **NOT SUCCESSFUL** and your **EXAM WAS DUE IN 2020 or 2021, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED AS MEETING YOUR ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT** and you can continue to participate in the CMP.
4. In **2022 AND BEYOND, YOU MUST PASS** either the first or second offering of the performance assessment to be considered as meeting your assessment requirement.
5. **“NO CONSEQUENCES” DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN SKIP THE ASSESSMENT.** If you skip it, and your certification expires in 2020 or 2021, your status will change to Not Certified.

# WHICH CMPs ARE **NO CONSEQUENCES\*** IN 2020 / 2021?

2020 IS A  
REGULAR YEAR



CMP IN  
**CARDIOVASCULAR  
DISEASE**

You must **PASS** a  
Performance Assessment in  
**2020 / 2021**

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# WHAT HAPPENS **IF I DON'T PASS** THE CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND I'M DUE FOR MY ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT IN 2020 or 2021?

2020 / 2021 IS A  
**REGULAR YEAR**



CMP IN  
**CARDIOVASCULAR  
DISEASE**

**You must PASS a  
Performance Assessment**

- For Cardiovascular Disease (ACCSAP), you **MUST PASS THE CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT EVERY YEAR** to be considered as meeting your assessment requirement.
- You get **2 CHANCES TO PASS.**
- **IF YOU DO NOT PASS A CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT** you have the option to meet your assessment requirement by passing an ABIM assessment within the following year. After passing one of ABIM's alternatives, you can then return to the CMP.

# WHAT HAPPENS **IF I DON'T PASS** THE CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND I'M DUE FOR MY ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT IN 2020 or 2021?

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CMP IN  
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**You Must Take a Performance Assessment in 2020 or 2021,  
but you do NOT need to Pass. *You must PASS in 2022 & beyond.***

## For IV, EP, and HF Only:

**In 2020 / 2021:** If you don't pass in 2020 / 2021, you will still be counted as meeting your assessment requirement **BECAUSE 2020 / 2021 ARE “NO CONSEQUENCES”** for these specialties.

## In 2022 & 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 must **MEET YOUR ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT BY PASSING AN ABIM ASSESSMENT** within the following year. After passing one of ABIM's alternatives, you can then return to the CMP.

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# MY MOC ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT IS **DUE IN 2020 or 2021**. WHEN SHOULD I TAKE A CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT?



## CMP IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

ACCSAP will offer a total of **three (3)**  
**Performance Assessments in**  
**2020 / 2021:**

Dec. 2 – 8, 2020  
May 5 – 11, 2021  
Aug. 11 – 17, 2021

**You may take any 2 of the 3  
Assessments.**

**The CMP in Cardiovascular Disease (ACCSAP): IF YOUR CERTIFICATE IS DUE IN 2020 OR 2021, YOU MUST TAKE AND PASS A CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT IN 2020 OR 2021.** ACCSAP will feature a total of three Performance Assessments during 2020 / 2021, and you may participate in any two of them.

Please keep in mind that if you want two chances to pass, you must participate in either the first or second Performance Assessment. If you miss or skip them both, then you will only have one opportunity to pass with the third Performance Assessment.

**IF YOUR CERTIFICATE IS DUE IN 2020 OR 2021 AND YOU PASS THE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OFFERED IN 2020, YOU HAVE MET YOUR ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT FOR 2021 AND DO NOT HAVE TO DO ANYTHING ELSE IN 2021.** To continue with the CMP, you would need to resume your yearly requirements (complete 7 hours of learning engagement and pass a Performance Assessment) in 2022.

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CMP IN  
**ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY**

CathSAP and EP SAP will offer a total of two (2) Performance Assessments each in 2020 / 2021. You may take a Performance Assessment once during each offering. There is no need to pass because 2020 / 2021 are “no consequences.”

**CathSAP & EP SAP**  
Nov. 4 – 10, 2020  
Jun. 23 – 29, 2021

The CMP in Interventional Cardiology (CathSAP) and the CMP in Electrophysiology (EP SAP): **IF YOUR CERTIFICATE IS DUE IN 2020 OR 2021, YOU MUST TAKE A CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT IN 2020 OR 2021.** Because 2020 / 2021 are “no consequences” for these specialties, you do not have to pass.

CathSAP and EP SAP will offer two Performance Assessments each during 2020 / 2021. You may take a Performance Assessment once during each offering.

**IF YOU PASS THE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OFFERED IN 2020, YOU HAVE MET YOUR ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT FOR 2021 AND DO NOT HAVE TO DO ANYTHING ELSE IN 2021.** To continue with the CMP, you would need to resume your yearly requirements (complete 7 hours of learning engagement and pass a Performance Assessment) in 2022.



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# MY MOC ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT IS **DUE IN 2020 or 2021**. WHEN SHOULD I TAKE A CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT?



## CMP IN ADVANCED HEART FAILURE & TRANSPLANT CARDIOLOGY

HF SAP will offer a total of **two (2)**  
**Performance Assessments** and  
**both will occur in 2021.**

Feb. 17 – 23, 2021  
Jun. 23 – 29, 2021

**The CMP in Heart Failure (HF SAP): IF YOUR CERTIFICATE IS DUE IN 2020 OR 2021, YOU MUST TAKE A CMP PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT IN 2021.**

HF SAP will offer two Performance Assessments during 2021, and you may take a Performance Assessment once during each offering. Because 2020 / 2021 are “no consequences” for this specialty, you do not have to achieve a passing score.