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### 3 CHOICES TO **Maintain Your ABIM Certification**

- 10-YEAR **TRADITIONAL EXAM**
- 2-YEAR **KNOWLEDGE CHECK-IN**



**SAPS**

WITH PERFORMANCE  
ASSESSMENT

Look inside  
for more  
details!

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## The **CMP** – 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**, integrates lifelong learning with assessment.

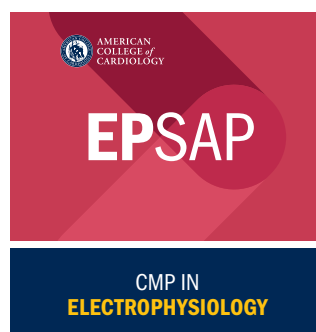
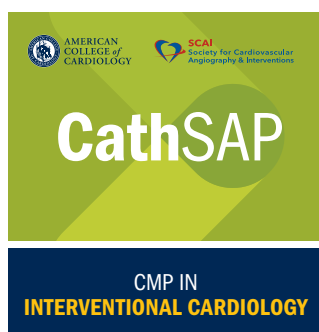
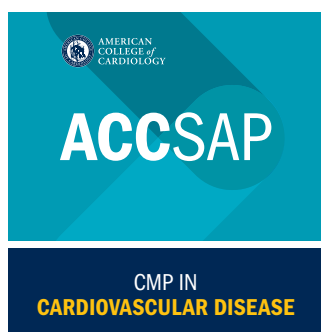
### You can participate in the Collaborative Maintenance Pathway (CMP) if:

- It is offered in your specialty. The CMP will be available for the following specialties in 2020:
  - Cardiovascular Disease
  - Interventional Cardiology (*developed in collaboration with SCAI*)
  - Clinical Cardiac Arrhythmias & Electrophysiology
  - Advanced Heart Failure & Transplant Cardiology (*developed in collaboration with HFSA*)
- You are currently certified by ABIM

### How Will the CMP Work?

CMP SAPs will offer a new feature called a Performance Assessment. CMP Performance Assessments are tests, consisting of approximately 60 questions that are focused on specific topic areas in a field. A new Performance Assessment will be available each year, covering approximately 20% of the field, so that in a span of 5 years the breadth of the field will be covered.

If you successfully engage in CMP SAP 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 a separate ABIM assessment.



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## 6 STEPS TO PARTICIPATING IN THE CMP

1

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

2

### **PURCHASE THE RELEVANT SAP.**

Your purchase provides you  
with 5 years of access.

3

**ENROLL** in the CMP.

[www.ACC.org/CMPEnroll](http://www.ACC.org/CMPEnroll)

4

Spend **7 OR MORE  
HOURS “ENGAGING”<sup>1</sup>**  
in the topic(s) of focus  
for the year

Complete in either order

5

Take / Pass a  
**PERFORMANCE  
ASSESSMENT<sup>2</sup>**

6

**REPEAT STEPS 4 AND 5**  
each year  
(but on a different 20%  
of the field each year).

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

<sup>2</sup>2020 is a “No Consequences” year for the CMP in Interventional Cardiology, EP and Heart Failure, so you do not need to achieve a passing score on a Performance Assessment for 2020 only. The CMP for Cardiovascular Disease requires a passing score in 2020.

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**1**

Be currently  
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**NOT IN AN EXAM GRACE PERIOD.**

To participate in the CMP in 2020, 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).***

#### **ABIM Contact Information:**

Phone: 800-441-2246

Email: [request@abim.org](mailto:request@abim.org)

## **FAQs Related to This Step**

### **Can I use the CMP to regain my certification status if my ABIM 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. Diplomates in this category should check with ABIM for specific actions and to note the dates when exams are offered.

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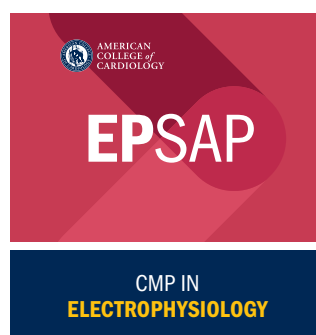
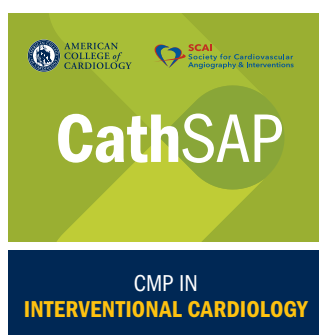
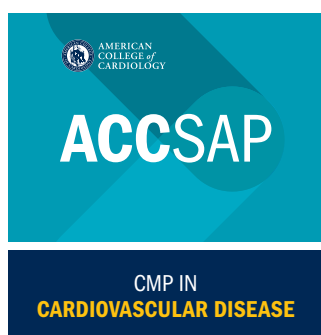


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## **PURCHASE THE RELEVANT SAP.**

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## **FAQs Related to This Step**

### **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 the CMP SAP (text, presentations, and practice questions). It does not include the CMP. **If you want to participate in the CMP, you will need to purchase your own personal version of the SAP.**
- As long as you use **the same ACC.org account** 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 that you have already spent toward your 7 hours of Learning Engagement.
- CardioSource Plus users may purchase CMP SAPs by enrolling in the CMP\*, or by calling ACC's Member care team. Member Care may be reached at **800-253-4636, x5603** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.

\*At the present time, technical difficulties prevent CardioSource Plus users from purchasing CMP SAPs online outside of enrollment.

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**ENROLL** in the CMP.  
***[www.ACC.org/CMPEnroll](http://www.ACC.org/CMPEnroll)***

**Enrolling is easy! To enroll, you must:**

- Have a **PERSONAL SUBSCRIPTION** to the relevant **CMP 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%** (you don't have to complete this prior to enrolling).

\*SAPs through CardioSource Plus do not include the CMP.

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Spend **7 OR MORE HOURS “ENGAGING”** in the topic(s) of focus for the year.

Spend at least 7 hours:

- Reading the text, watching/listening to presentations and/or completing practice questions in the relevant chapters
- Completing all practice questions in the CMP topic(s) for the year 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 tracks your time. If you download files to listen/read offline, that time will not be counted.

## CMP Topics for 2020

ACCSAP (Cardiovascular Disease)	CATHSAP (Interventional Cardiology)	EP SAP (Electrophysiology)	HF SAP (Advanced Heart Failure & Transplant Cardiology)
• Coronary Artery Disease	• Pharmacology • Basic Science	• Supraventricular Tachycardias	• Acute Heart Failure • Pulmonary Hypertension

## FAQs Related to This Step

**I have already completed all the topics within my CMP SAP and claimed all the MOC/CME. Will I have to redo the 7 hours every year before taking the performance assessment?**

Yes, you will have to redo the 7 hours for the topic(s) featured in each year's performance assessment, but ACC will be updating that topic. For example, the 2020 Performance Assessment in cardiovascular disease will focus on CAD. The 2019 CAD “learning material” (text, presentations, and practice questions) will be replaced by an updated version in 2020, so even though you have to spend another 7 hours engaging with it, it will be different material than what you saw last year.

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Take / Pass a  
**PERFORMANCE  
ASSESSMENT**

## What is a Performance Assessment?

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

## To take a Performance Assessment, you must have:

- **CHROME, FIREFOX, OR SAFARI** on your laptop/desktop. (ACC recommends that you avoid using Internet Explorer)
- A **PRIVATE SPACE THAT IS FREE FROM DISRUPTIONS FOR THE 2 HOURS** allotted for the assessment.
- **RELIABLE INTERNET** access.
- A **DESKTOP OR LAPTOP**. You may not use a mobile phone or tablet to complete a Performance Assessment.

## When can I take a Performance Assessment?

You can take a Performance Assessment during two specific weeks each year (listed below).

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. 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. Please avoid waiting until the last two hours of the one-week window to take your Performance Assessment so there is time to resolve any unforeseen issues that may occur.

### 2020 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT DATES

ACCSAP	CATHSAP	EPSAP	HF SAP
SEPT. 9 – 15, 2020 DEC. 2 – 8, 2020	AUG. 19 – 25, 2020 NOV. 4 – 10, 2020	AUG. 19 – 25, 2020 NOV. 4 – 10, 2020	TBD



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## Do I have to **PASS** the Performance Assessment?

**That depends on which CMP you are participating in.** You must pass for CMP SAPs in a “regular” year in 2020 (ACCSAP). You do not have to pass for CMP SAPs in a “no consequences” year in 2020; as long as you participate in the CMP, you will be considered as meeting your MOC assessment requirement.

2020 IS A REGULAR YEAR	2020 IS A NO CONSEQUENCES YEAR		
			
CMP IN <b>CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE</b>	CMP IN <b>INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY</b>	CMP IN <b>ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY</b>	CMP IN <b>ADVANCED HEART FAILURE &amp; TRANSPLANT CARDIOLOGY</b>
You must <b>PASS</b> a Performance Assessment in 2020.	NO NEED to Pass a Performance Assessment for 2020. <i>You must PASS in 2021 &amp; beyond.</i>		

A “no consequences” year doesn’t mean you can skip the assessment. If you skip it, and your certification expires in 2020, your status will change to Not Certified.

**IN 2021 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. 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.

## How do I know if I pass the CMP?

After you complete a Performance Assessment, you will gain immediate access to a Preliminary Score Report that includes your preliminary scaled score and the average score of a reference group of “pilot” participants who took the Performance Assessment earlier in the year. Within 30 days, you will gain access to a Final Score Report that includes your final scaled score, as well as the passing score.

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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? That depends on which CMP you are participating in:

**Cardiovascular Disease CMP:** If you do not pass a CMP performance assessment in 2020, you must meet your MOC assessment requirement by passing an ABIM assessment. After passing one of ABIM's alternatives, you can then return to the CMP.

**All Other CMPs (IV, EP, HF):** If you don't pass in 2020, you will still be counted as meeting your MOC assessment requirement because 2020 is a "no consequences" year. Starting in 2021, you must pass the CMP Performance Assessment every year to be considered as meeting your MOC assessment requirement. But remember, you have two chances to pass each year—once with each Performance Assessment window.

2020 IS A REGULAR YEAR	2020 IS A NO CONSEQUENCES YEAR		
 <b>ACCSAP</b>	 <b>CathSAP</b>	 <b>EPSAP</b>	 <b>HFSAP</b>
CMP IN <b>CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE</b>	CMP IN <b>INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY</b>	CMP IN <b>ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY</b>	CMP IN <b>ADVANCED HEART FAILURE &amp; TRANSPLANT CARDIOLOGY</b>
NO NEED to Pass a Performance Assessment for 2020. If you don't pass and your assessment is due in 2020, you will still be counted as meeting your MOC assessment requirement because 2020 is a no consequences year.			

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

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

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## REPEAT STEPS 4 AND 5

each year  
(but on a different 20%  
of the field each year).

Each year, the CMP will focus on approximately 20% of the field. The table below outlines the topics of focus over the next five years within each SAP.

You have to do something **EVERY YEAR** to maintain your certification via the CMP – spend 7 hours engaging in the topic(s), achieve a score of 70% or better on the practice questions for the topic(s), and pass the Performance Assessment.

YEAR	ACCSAP	CathSAP	EP SAP	HF SAP
2020	<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>
2021	<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction</li> </ul>
2022	<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>Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction</li> <li>Special Etiologies</li> </ul>
2023	<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>
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrhythmias</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catheter-Based Mgmt 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>

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CMP

### 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.

There are several reasons that you may want to **consider enrolling in the CMP BEFORE the year your assessment is due**:

- 1. You can gain experience taking Performance Assessments without the stress of achieving a passing score** by participating in the CMP before the year you are due. Participation in the CMP prior to your due date does not change your due date. You are not required to pass a Performance Assessment until the year your assessment is due.
- 2.** In addition to helping you become familiar with the Performance Assessment, each CMP SAP will also provide you with an abundance of CME and MOC Medical Knowledge (Part II) points.
- 3.** 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 the SAP as a study tool.

### 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

SAP 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 the SAP 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 — ACC's self-assessment programs.** Chances are, you're already familiar with ACC's self-assessment programs and know that they are 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 them to meet your MOC assessment requirement.
- 2. It helps you shift to a "continuous learning" mindset.** CMP Performance Assessments cover 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. See the table on page 10 for the CMP topics of focus each year.
- 3. It's easy to track and remember.** Spend 7 hours "engaging" and take the 60-question Performance Assessment within your CMP SAP every year. (Your purchase of a SAP provides you with 5 years of access.)
- 4. Similar to ABIM's KCI and 10-year assessments, you get 2 chances to pass the CMP Performance Assessment each year!** You may attempt the CMP assessment one time during each of the two testing windows offered each year.
- 5. You risk nothing by trying!** You can participate in the CMP for Interventional Cardiology, Electrophysiology and/or Heart Failure at no risk because 2020 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, over time, you can earn all the CME and MOC medical knowledge points you need!