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ABBREVIATIONS, DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

MOC

Maintenance of Certification

The MOC program, as required by the American Board of Medical Specialties

LLSA

Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment

Criteria for Lifelong Learning in Neurosurgery will consist of:
150 CME Hours per 3-year Cycle
CME tracking will be done by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

CAHPS

Consumer Assessment Health Plans

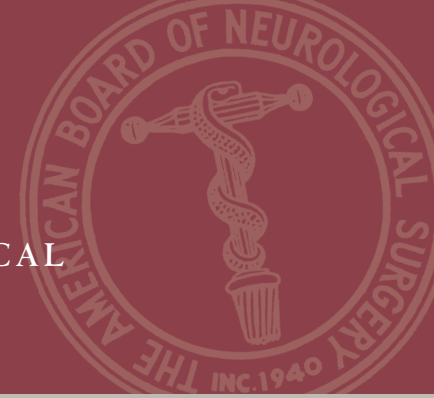
A communications assessment tool measuring patient perception of physician performance in the areas of interpersonal and communications skills to be completed once in each 3-year Cycle.

SANS

Self-Assessment in Neurosurgery

The web-based Self-Assessment in Neurological Surgery examination must be completed once in each 3-year Cycle; it is administered by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

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MOC and YOU

Basic Information and Important Dates

Timing

IMPORTANT DATES

2005

Diplomates with 10-year time limited Certificates dated 1999, 2002, and 2005 will receive ABNS MOC applications.

After applications have been returned to the ABNS, Diplomates will receive user names, passwords and instructions.

March 31, 2007

The first cognitive examination will be given for Diplomates certified in 1999.

December 31, 2008

End of the first 3-year cycle for Diplomates certified in 1999, 2002, and 2005.

Summer 2009

New certificates will be issued to Diplomates certified in 1999 who have successfully completed their initial MOC plan.

January 1, 2010

Diplomates certified in 1999 begin their second 10-year cycle for MOC.

MOC Rollout

Year Certified	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1999	Y1	Y2	Y3	C	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1
2000	Off	Y1	Y2	Y3	C	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3
2001	Off	Off	Y1	Y2	Y3	C	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2
2002	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3	C	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1
2003	Off	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3	C	Y1	Y2	Y3
2004	Off	Off	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3	C	Y1	Y2
2005	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3	C	Y1
2006	C	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3	C

Diplomates with non-time-limited certificates who choose to enter MOC will begin their first 3-year cycle of the 10-year process the year their completed applications are received.

For additional information about MOC, visit the ABNS.org website. Information will be updated regularly.