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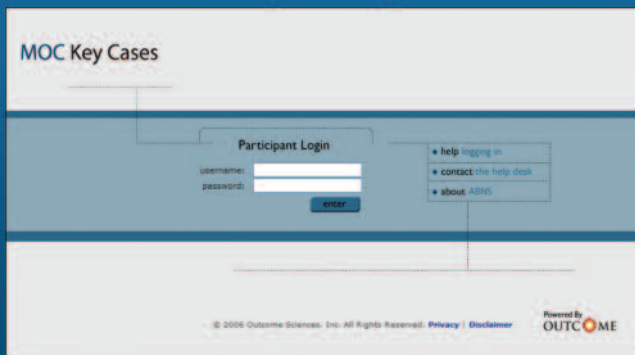
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Evidence of Performance in Practice is an important part of all Maintenance of Certification programs. The American Board of Neurological Surgery is pleased to announce its Key Case data reporting modules, which will vastly enhance the educational value of participation in MOC.

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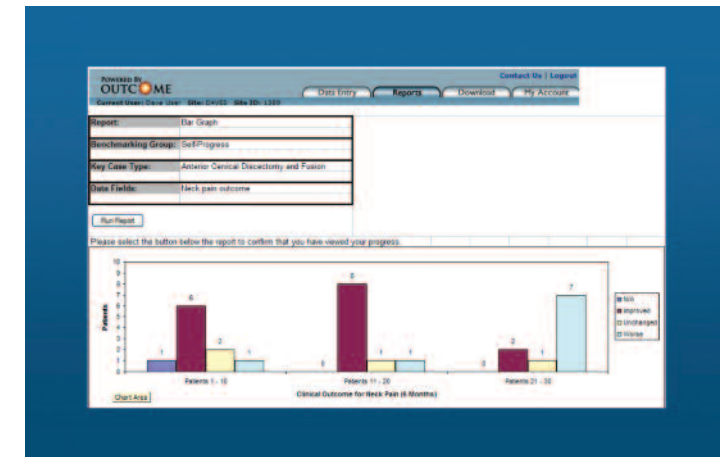


Once during every three-year mini-cycle, MOC participants are asked to choose a Key Case closest to what they see most often in practice and complete reports on ten sequential cases of that type, cases on which they have up to six months of followup.

Entering Patient Data

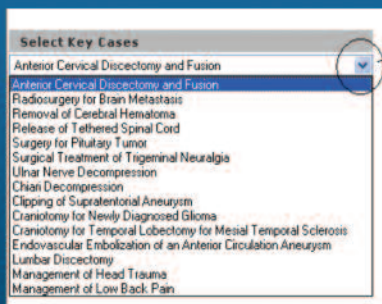
- Enter 10 key cases in type selected

For each diagnoses, the data collected differs somewhat in order to be relevant to the Key Case, but the concept is the same. The information is standardized into three areas: history, treatment, and outcome. Logging and submitting the data is all done electronically. Care has been taken at all stages to protect the anonymity of patients.



Once Diplomates have logged their information, they will have access not only to outcomes from their own data but also in an anonymous fashion to comparative collective outcomes reported by colleagues choosing the same Key Case. They can track their outcomes, compare them to others reporting on that Case, and even compare their own outcomes over mini-cycles.

Selecting Key Case



Select 1 of 15 Key Cases

Directors have chosen fifteen Key Cases that represent the most common diagnoses seen and procedures performed by neurosurgeons. Reporting modules have been developed for each one. The cases and outcomes are self-reported on standardized questionnaires. These modules are accessed from MyMOC at the ABNS website, www.abns.org.

Entering Patient Data

- Interactive "References" appear as data fields are completed.
- Selecting "Print" will print all information as a PDF document.

Adding to the educational experience, each Key Case module contains references to the literature on various aspects of patient care pertinent to that Case.

ABNS Directors believe the Key Cases will provide maximal benefit to this aspect of MOC. They intend the process to be straight forward and a minimum of burden to MOC participants. The Board is always receptive to suggestions for improvement and streamlining.