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MOC Key Case FAQ's

Q. *Do I have to submit cases for each of the Key Case modules?*

A. No. Choose the Case which is most representative of your practice and fill out modules on ten current, consecutive patients whom you recently treated for the disorder.

Q. *May I submit cases for two or more Key Case?*

A. No. Choose one Case and stick with it. You should use the same Key Case for all three of your mini-cycles during a single MOC ten-year time frame. This will allow you to compare your outcomes over the course of several years, as well as compare them to the results of other Diplomates who chose the same Case.

Q. *What is the time frame for Key Cases?*

A. Cases must be logged once during each three-year mini-cycle.

Q. *How do I begin?*

A. The Key Case site is found at MyMOC at www.abns.org. Access it with your Key Case login found on the instructions page. Then choose the case you want to use and click the "Enter New Patient" button.

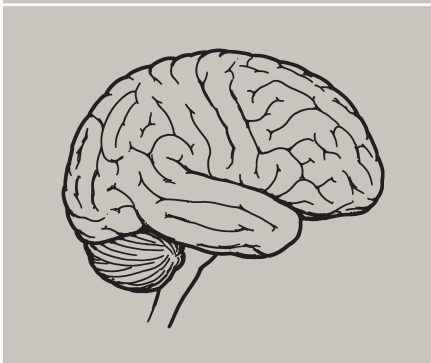
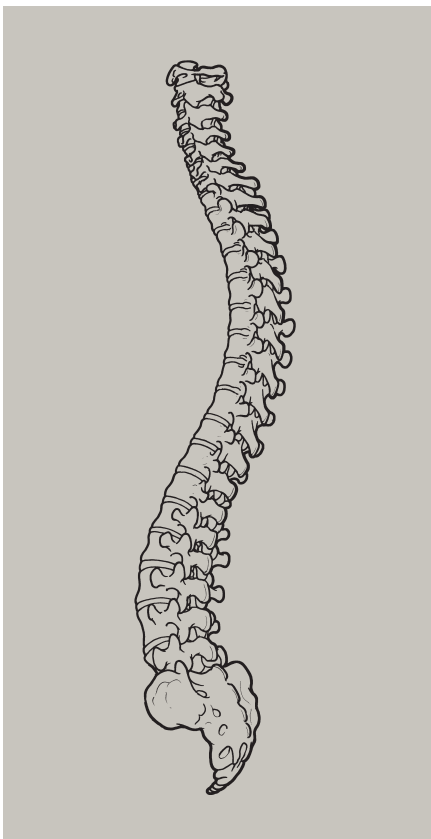
First, complete all the fields under "History". Next, click the "Treatment" tab at the top or bottom of the module, and fill in those fields. Finally, click on "Outcome" and fill in that information. When all of the patient's information has been entered, move on to the "Save" tab. Then, start over again to log the next patient.

Q. *How much follow-up do the Key Case modules require?*

A. The modules differ in this. It is best to select ten sequential patients you saw approximately six months ago so that you have sufficient follow-up to complete the modules.

Q. *What if I change my mind about which Key Case I want to use after I have started to log data?*

A. If you click the "Reset" button, you can select another Case and start over; however, all of the data you have already logged will be lost.



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Q. *How do I save what I have logged?*

A. Click the "Save" tab. That will save the data so that you can return to it later to complete all ten entries.

Q. *Can I print off my Key Case information?*

A. Before you begin, you can print off the Case module by clicking the "Print Blank Forms" link found just under the "Downloads" tab at the top right of your screen. This allows you to see what information is requested.

A. After you have logged a case, you can print it off by putting a checkmark in the box by "Print After Saving" in your "Save" tab.

Q. *How can I increase my learning experience logging Key Case information?*

A. Copy to your address bar the references to literature that pop up as you log and read them as you progress. Alternately, print them off as they appear and later use your search engine to call up each one and read them. These will give you useful information on the management of the Cases.

A. When all ten Cases are completed, you will be able to see the composite outcome of your results, and compare them to the results of other Diplomates who selected that Key Case.

Q. *How do I review the Benchmarking Graphs?*

A. Once you have entered information on ten patients and all Cases are finalized, click the "Submit Key Cases to ABNS" button. Now visit the "Reports" tab to see the analysis of your work by clicking the "Benchmarking" button. You will find several data fields that you can use to run reports. For complete information on the Data Download Tool, email ABMS.MOC@tmhs.org for a copy of the Manual.

A. Don't forget that you have not completed the Key Case requirement until you have reviewed your graphs.

Q. *What if my practice is such I have not seen ten patients that correspond to any of the Key Cases?*

A. Email ABNS.MOC@tmhs.org and explain your practice. You will be sent paper forms to log information on twelve current, consecutive patients with the most common problem seen in your practice. The data will be reviewed by an ABNS Director, and a brief analysis with references to relevant literature will be sent to you.

Q. *When will completion of the Key Case requirement show up on MyMOC?*

A. At the beginning of each month, the MyMOC report cards are updated to reflect what each participant had completed during the preceding month.