

A Neurologist's Guide to MOC

What Is Maintenance of Certification?

MOC is an initiative of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), an organization of 24 approved medical specialty boards, including the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN), to ensure that physician specialists offer quality patient care through an ongoing process of self-improvement and performance improvement. Maintenance of Certification (MOC) is not an American Academy of Neurology-mandated initiative.

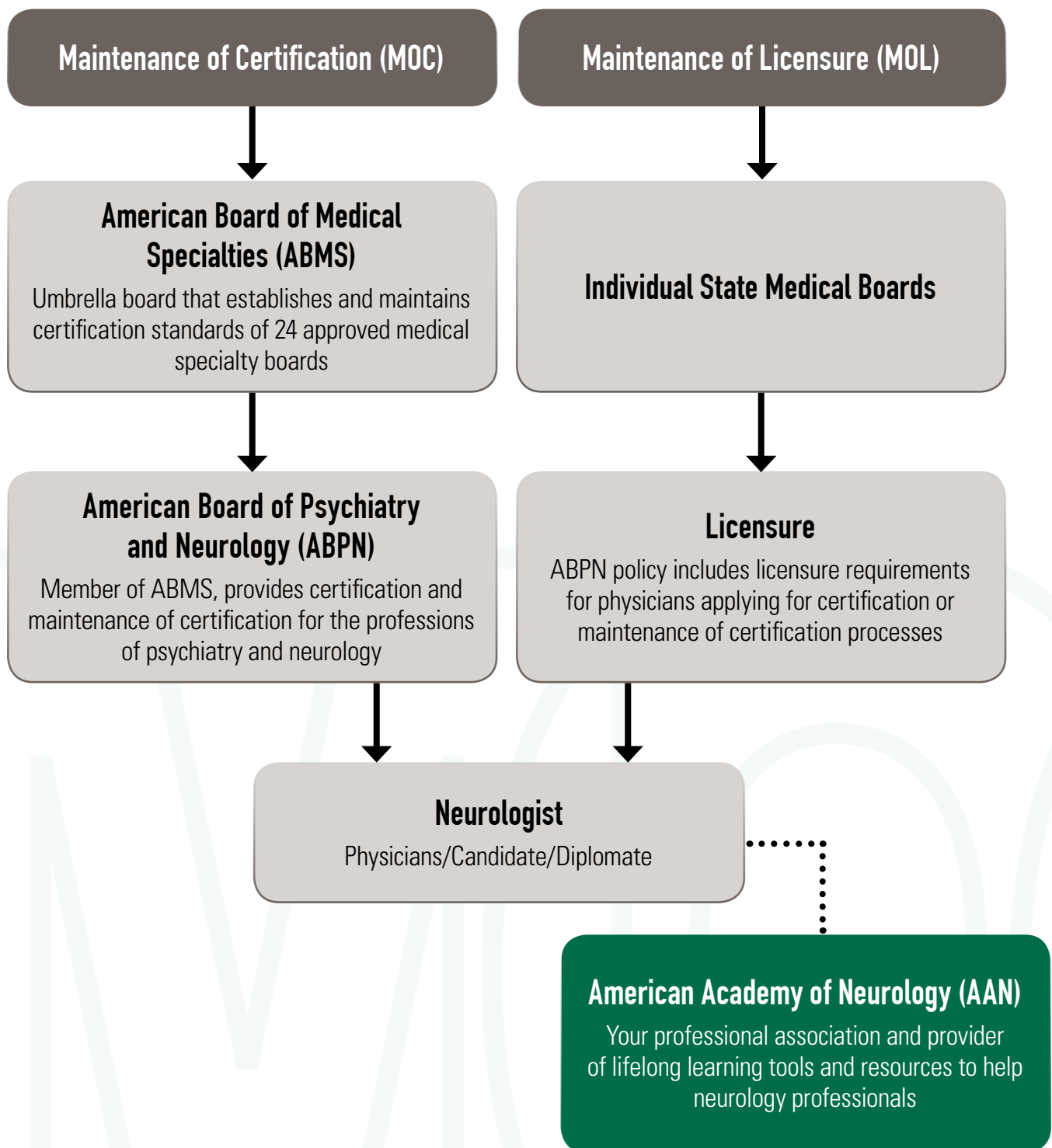
The ABPN is a member of the ABMS, providing certification and MOC for the professions of psychiatry and neurology. The ABPN MOC program is currently comprised of four components:

- **Part I: Professional Standing (Licensure)**
 - Licenses must be kept up-to-date in your [ABPN Physician Folios account](#)
- **Part II: Self-assessment and CME**
 - Gain credit for up to two different types of [Non-CME Self-assessment Activity Options](#)
 - Starting in 2016 includes one-time [Patient Safety Course requirement](#)
- **Part III: Cognitive Expertise Exam**
- **Part IV: Improvement in Medical Practice (also known as Performance in Practice and "PIP")**
 - NEW in February 2016: Diplomates now choose ONE [Clinical Module OR Feedback Module](#) activity to complete the PIP Unit. This quality improvement exercise is designed to identify and implement areas for improvement based on the review of one's own patient charts [Clinical Module](#) OR feedback from peers or patients via a questionnaire/survey [Feedback Module](#).

All certificates issued by the ABPN after October 1, 1994, are time-limited certificates. Diplomates must pass a recertification exam every 10 years in order to maintain their certification.

Who's Who in MOC and MOL

The AAN is working diligently to provide quality information and resources to assist members in better understanding and taking the necessary steps toward meeting various CME, Self-assessment, and Performance in Practice requirements.



How Can the AAN Help with MOC?

PART II: Self-assessment and CME Resources

- Annual Meeting
- Annual Meeting on Demand
- Breakthroughs in Neurology Conference
- *Continuum*® Audio*
- *Continuum: Lifelong Learning in Neurology*®*
- *Continuum*® Test Your Knowledge at select AAN conferences*
- Fall Conference
- MOC Exam Prep Course at select AAN conferences*
- NeuroLearnSM
- *Neurology*® CME
- *Neurology* Podcasts
- NeuroPI^{SM**}
- NeuroSAE®*
- Webinars
- COMING SOON: Online Patient Safety Course* (also satisfies ABPN's Patient Safety requirement)

* Approved for Self-assessment

** Approved for PIP

PART III: Cognitive Expertise

- MOC Exam Prep Course at select AAN conferences*
- COMING SOON: Online MOC Exam Prep Course*

PART IV: Improvement in Medical Practice

(also known as Performance in Practice and/or "PIP")

AAN PIP Clinical Resources

- NeuroPI**

PIP Feedback Component

- Use an [ABPN-approved PIP feedback form](#)
- Get [ABPN approval for a feedback form](#) you're already using

NeuroTracker™

The Academy's convenient online resource for tracking CME, Self-assessment, Performance in Practice, and professional development activities.

NEW VERSION! Enhanced Features. Simplified Tracking.

Additional Enhancements Allow You To:

- Enter your non-AAN activities/credits and upload documentation (certificate of attendance, etc.) to centralize all your information in case of an ABPN audit
- View your faculty/director/co-chair evaluations from recent AAN activities
- Track your professional activities such as committee work, faculty, and published AAN articles
- Download and print AAN CME and MOC transcripts
- NEW! Audit Report for non-AAN credits entered
- View your Self-assessment report from select AAN conferences

Note: The AAN is not a certifying board, and members are encouraged to contact their respective boards for the most up-to-date information on individual MOC requirements, i.e., [ABPN Physician Folios](#) account.

2016 MOC Roadmap

	When Were You Last Certified?	MOC Program	Program Breakdown		
A	January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2011	10 YEAR MOC PROGRAM	PART	REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE
			CME	300 Credits	10 Years
			Self-assessment	24 Credits	10 Years
			PIP	1 Component: Clinical OR Feedback	10 Years
			MOC Exam	1 Test	10 Years
			NOTE: Once you recertify (2016–2021) you will move to the 2016+ Continuous MOC Requirements (Row C)		
B	January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2015	CONTINUOUS MOC PROGRAM	PART	REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE
			CME	90 Credits	3 Years
			Self-assessment	24 Credits	3 Years
			PIP	1 Component: Clinical OR Feedback	3 Years
			MOC Exam	1 Test	10 Years
C	January 1, 2016 +	CONTINUOUS MOC PROGRAM	PART	REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE
			Patient Safety	1 Course	1 Time*
			CME	90 Credits	3 Years
			Self-assessment	24 Credits	3 Years
			PIP	1 Component: Clinical OR Feedback	3 Years
			MOC Exam	1 Test	10 Years

* Beginning with those who certify or recertify in 2016, diplomates will be required to complete an approved Patient Safety Course **ONE-TIME** within the three years prior to board certification/recertification OR in their first C-MOC block (beginning with those whose first block is 2017-2019).