Supporting quality improvement of a higher standard
Quality Makes Everyone Better
Since 2014, the American Board of Medical Specialties Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program (Portfolio Program) has been supporting continuous learning and quality improvement at leading hospitals, health systems, professional societies, and community health care organizations across the country. Originally, participation in this unique program centered on broadening, enhancing, and recognizing physician engagement in quality, process, and practice improvement (QI/PI) initiatives while simultaneously helping them to fulfill the Improvement in Medical Practice (MOC Part IV) continuing certification requirements of their ABMS specialty board.

Now, thanks to a collaborative agreement between the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and the Portfolio Program, certified physician assistants (PAs) can participate in Portfolio Program improvement initiatives sponsored by their organizations and receive PA PI-CME credit from NCCPA.

Program Sponsor Initiatives
Ideally, Portfolio Program Sponsors develop and offer initiatives that also align with organizational QI/PI priorities such as improved communication, efficiency, and patient safety. Initiatives could address community health concerns, ranging from cancer screenings and cardiovascular disease prevention, to improved immunization programs and transitions of care.

Program Sponsors by Category
Portfolio Program Sponsors include leading hospitals, health systems, professional societies, and community health care organizations across the country.
Call for Portfolio Reviewers
The Portfolio Program seeks individuals with expertise in quality improvement to help review applications from potential Portfolio Sponsors. In addition, experts with broad medical knowledge within a specialty are needed to provide condition-specific subject matter expertise to support quality improvement.

Ask how participation as a Portfolio Program Reviewer can count toward Improvement in Medical Practice (MOC Part IV) requirements.

How it Works
Using a streamlined application and review process, the participating 21 (of 24) ABMS Member Boards recognize Portfolio Program approved activities for Improvement in Medical Practice (MOC Part IV) credit or NCCPA PA PI-CME credit. Sponsors identify QI/PI initiatives that meet the Portfolio Program’s standards. Physicians and PAs who meet the requirements for Portfolio Program participation are then eligible for credit from their respective certifying organization.

Program Sponsor Participation and Benefits
The Portfolio Program is an excellent opportunity to recognize the valuable efforts of physicians and PAs. It provides a means to advance health care quality and safety, and reduce the burdens of physicians and PAs, while tracking and reporting progress and completion. Additional incentives for sponsorship include:

• Encouraging teams across multiple specialties to participate together on initiatives of mutual interest
• Providing a structure for recognizing QI/PI efforts for care and care coordination delivered by interdisciplinary teams
• Allowing physicians and PAs to earn continuing certification credit as part of their daily workflow

Ready to Get Started?
Visit the Portfolio Program website at: mocportfolioprogram.org to learn more about becoming a Portfolio Program Sponsor or Program Reviewer.
ABMS Member Board Participation
ABMS Member Boards participating in the Portfolio Program offer an established option for recognizing valid quality and practice improvement (QI/PI) initiatives which their board certified physicians are engaged in. Member Boards involved with the Portfolio Program include:

- American Board of Allergy and Immunology
- American Board of Anesthesiology
- American Board of Dermatology
- American Board of Emergency Medicine
- American Board of Family Medicine
- American Board of Internal Medicine
- American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics
- American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- American Board of Ophthalmology
- American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery
- American Board of Otolaryngology
- American Board of Pathology
- American Board of Pediatrics
- American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- American Board of Plastic Surgery
- American Board of Preventive Medicine
- American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
- American Board of Radiology
- American Board of Surgery
- American Board of Thoracic Surgery
- American Board of Urology