

ABMS Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program

Recognizing quality improvement efforts for continuing certification



What it is

The American Board of Medical Specialties Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program™ (Portfolio Program) works with a wide variety of health care organizations to support quality improvement activities that physicians and physician assistants can participate in to earn continuing certification credit from a participating ABMS Member Board or the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

This cooperative relationship can help organizations build or support a robust performance improvement program aligning their quality goals with the requirements and aims of continuing certification. Successful practices and innovations can be shared throughout the organization to improve patient care quality, safety, outcomes, and experiences.

How it works



Provides a common pathway for quality improvement submissions and approval by ABMS Member Boards and NCCPA.



Supports meaningful provider participation in impactful quality improvement and patient safety activities helping to create more efficient practices.



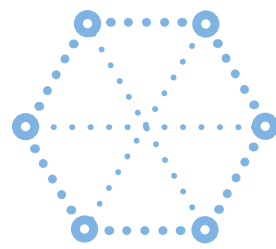
Activities connect practice-level changes with the organization's broader vision for quality improvement while simultaneously helping to fulfill professional continuing certification requirements.

Program snapshot



15,000+

practitioners have earned continuing certification credit



50%+

activities address systems issues



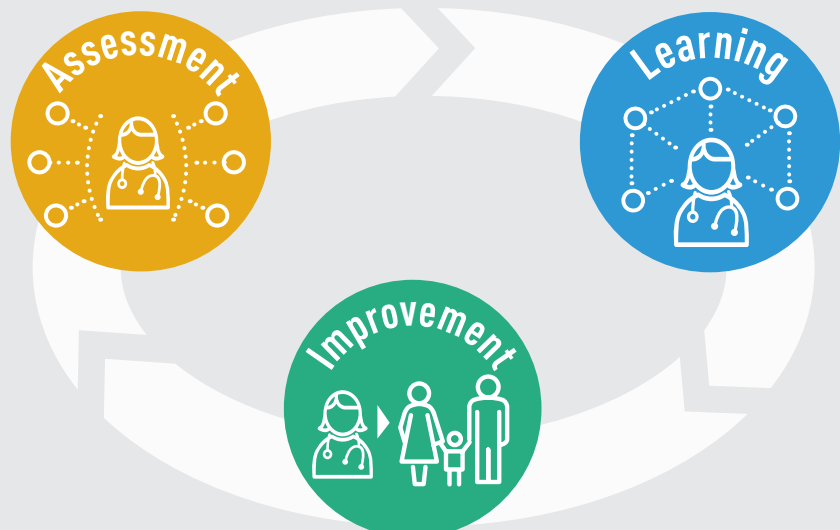
2,600+

activities approved by ABMS Member Boards or NCCPA

Portfolio Program approved activities align with national quality initiatives and follow leading quality improvement methodologies.

Supporting a higher standard of care

The ABMS Portfolio Program supports the assessment, learning, and improvement cycle for continuing certification. It recognizes practitioners' ability to deliver quality, safe, and efficient patient care in a rapidly changing health care environment.



Advance Quality in Practice for Better Patient Care

Sponsor Activities for Organizational and Practice Improvement



Portfolio Program sponsorship is an effective way to promote the quality improvement aims of your organization while supporting practitioners in their continuing certification process.

Portfolio Program activities are sponsored by leading hospitals, academic medical centers, medical specialty societies, government agencies, and community health care organizations across the country. A portfolio can include large-scale activities to address systemic and clinical issues and smaller activities to improve a specific gap in practice.

Activity sponsorship can help:

- Encourage involvement of practitioners across specialties and care teams
- Stimulate creativity in developing new activities for clinical and system improvement
- Influence change from successful activities throughout the organization

Examples of activity themes

- Asthma
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular disease
- Communication
- Diabetes
- Efficiency
- Immunizations
- Preventive care
- Sepsis
- Teamwork
- Transitions of care

Contribute Your Expertise to Evaluate Quality Initiatives



Expand your role in the quality improvement community by being a Portfolio Program Peer Reviewer. As a Reviewer, you will use your specialty-specific medical knowledge and expertise in quality improvement to review applications and activities submitted to the Portfolio Program.

You'll benefit personally by:

- Gaining insight for how organizations approach quality improvement
- Working together with quality experts nationwide

Ask how your participation as a Portfolio Program Reviewer can count toward ABMS Member Board continuing certification requirements.

Support for Continuing Certification

The Portfolio Program contributes to continuous certification by broadening, enhancing, and recognizing practitioner engagement in activities that make improvement happen.

Sponsor submits activities to Portfolio Program for review against program standards.



Portfolio Program sends activities to ABMS Member Boards or NCCPA for approval.



Sponsor collects/develops improvement activities.



Organization applies to become Portfolio Program Sponsor by:

- Describing their quality and Portfolio Program governance plan
- Submitting examples of improvement work



Portfolio Program submits completions to ABMS Member Boards or NCCPA to receive credit approval for the practitioner.



SPONSOR ACTIVITY

Practitioners participate in the approved activities. Sponsor sends Portfolio Program confirmation of completion.