



## Recognizing physicians' quality and safety improvement work for continuing certification



The American Board of Medical Specialties Portfolio Program (ABMS Portfolio Program) helps connect health care organizations' quality and safety goals with the aims of continuing certification. It operates through sponsor organizations and with ABMS Member Boards to award continuing certification credit for physicians' quality improvement work. The program, along with the ABMS Continuing Certification Directory, supports physicians' professional development. A parallel program helps Physician Assistants receive credit from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

### Program Advantages

Sponsor organizations and physicians like how the ABMS Portfolio Program encourages collaboration between departments and across specialties to introduce and sustain processes and infrastructure that continuously enhance how care is delivered. Activities initiated through the ABMS Portfolio Program have made a difference in how medical conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, opioid abuse and COVID-19 are diagnosed, treated and managed.

#### Simpler method for completing certification credit

Accepting work physicians already are doing alleviates the need to seek out external activities.

#### Better way to spread processes and innovations

Working across specialties and teams helps align, facilitate and expedite improvements to enhance care.

#### Stronger connections to address health priorities

Drawing on the expertise of groups nationwide supports advancements in treating the most chronic medical conditions patients face today.

**30K+** PRACTITIONERS INVOLVED

**3,900+** IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

**95+** HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS

## Become a Portfolio Program Sponsor

# Working as a community to improve health care *within* our communities

Being an ABMS Portfolio Program Sponsor is an effective way to promote the quality improvement goals of your organization while supporting physicians in their continuing certification process. Through regular calls, webinars and conferences, sponsor organizations can share information and experiences and seek advice from a community of colleagues immersed in quality and safety improvement.

Portfolio Program Sponsors include national accountable care organizations, associations, hospitals and hospital groups, academic medical centers, medical specialty societies, integrated delivery systems, physician organizations, government agencies and state quality improvement organizations and other community health care organizations. A complete list of sponsors can be found on the ABMS Portfolio Program website.

## Apply today to become a Portfolio Program Sponsor.

Visit [mocportfolioprogram.org](https://mocportfolioprogram.org) for details.

## What Portfolio Program Sponsors are saying...

### Focusing on the need, encouraging collaboration

*"In addition to receiving credit, physicians like the ABMS Portfolio Program because it recognizes the quality improvement needs that they and their patients want to address. They like how the program encourages collaboration between departments and across specialties to improve processes and infrastructure and make change happen."*

**Patrick Dolan, MD, FAAP**  
Clinical Associate  
The University of Chicago  
Comer Children's Hospital

### Making a community-wide impact

*"Through the ABMS Portfolio Program, the work that's been done to make improvements and sustain them in areas such as diabetes care, smoking cessation and opioid use is astounding. Physicians value their impact on individual patients and the community they serve."*

**Mary W. Ales, MBA**  
Executive Director  
Interstate Postgraduate  
Medical Association

### Saving time and expense

*"Once I explain how the ABMS Portfolio Program can align, facilitate and expedite organizational priorities by allowing physicians to earn continuing certification credit for their daily work instead of seeking external QI activities, the decision to become a Portfolio Program Sponsor becomes an easy one."*

**R. Van Harrison, PhD**  
Active Professor Emeritus,  
Learning Health Sciences,  
University of Michigan