Recognizing physicians’ quality and safety improvement work for continuing certification

The American Board of Medical Specialties Portfolio Program™ (ABMS Portfolio Program) works with a growing community of health care organizations to connect their quality and safety goals with the requirements and aims of continuing certification. Organizations approved as Portfolio Program Sponsors help their physicians earn continuing certification credit from an ABMS Member Board for things they do in their daily work to advance patient care. A parallel program helps Physician Assistants receive credit from the National Commission of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

**Program Advantages**

The higher standards of board certification reflect the spirit of quality improvement — inspiring creative thinking, modern ingenuity, healthy curiosity and a desire to help every patient. The ABMS Portfolio Program provides a structure for physicians to remain focused on areas they are passionate about. They are doubly rewarded for those efforts by improving patient care quality, safety, outcomes and experiences and receiving continuing certification credit.

- **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 | 3,800+ Improvement initiatives | 95+ Healthcare 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, 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.

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**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**

“One 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
Professor of Learning Health Sciences, University of Michigan

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