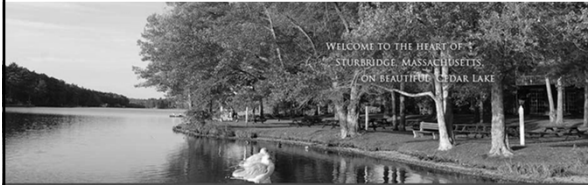


New England Obstetrics & Gynecology Society - 85th Annual Spring Meeting – April 22 -23, 2014

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Learning Objectives

Following this lecture the participants should be

1. Aware of new, revised definition of obstetrician-gynecologist.
2. Aware of the ABOG's position on physicians practicing outside scope of obstetrics & gynecology.
3. Aware of changes in ABMS MOC 2015 process
4. Aware of the FSMBS MOL plans.

Definition of an ABOG-certified Obstetrician-Gynecologist – Fall, 2013 Reiteration

Obstetrician-Gynecologists are physicians who, by virtue of satisfactory completion of defined course of graduate medical education & appropriate certification, possess special knowledge, skills & professional capability in medical & surgical care of female reproductive system & associated disorders,....

**Definition of an ABOG-certified
Obstetrician-Gynecologist - 2013**

...such that it distinguishes them from other physicians & enables them to serve as consultants to non-OB-GYN physicians & as primary physicians for women.

Certification by ABOG attests to physician's professional colleagues & to public that Diplomate possesses special knowledge & professional capability

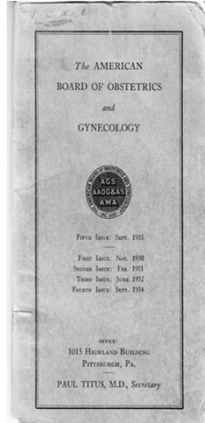
**Practice Limitations for Physicians who are ABOG
Basic Certified or Candidates for Certification 2013**

- Certification limited to physicians with special knowledge & professional qualifications relating to OB & GYN
- Limit their practice to care of women
- At least **75%** of practice must be in areas of medicine listed as exam topics in current edition of Oral & Written Bulletins

Emergency Care and Limitation of Practice

2013 **ABO+G**

- Physicians providing care for male patients will not be regarded as specialists in OB, GYN
- Exception: governmental services, infertility, sexually transmitted diseases, family planning services, immunizations, genetic counseling / testing, newborn circumcision, emergency care, completion of another ACGME-accredited training program



1932 – 1935 ABOG Bulletins:

Assure Board of limiting practice to Obstetrics and (or) and Gynecology and continues to do so.”

Board disapproves of the practice by obstetricians and gynecologist of engaging in other fields of practice

Board has ruled that physicians who accept male patients cannot be regarded as specialist in obstetrics and Gynecology

Except for the 75%, the concepts in the 2013 definition were not new!

Definition of an Obstetrician and Gynecologist and American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Certification

2014

ABOG Home Page & also **ABOG** Policies: www.abog.org

The ABOG Revises Definition of an Obstetrician and Gynecologist & Clarifies Information about Certification

ABOG News Release – January 30, 2014

- Major changes from document published in Nov 2013 eliminate requirement that ABOG-certified Diplomates treat only women & that they devote at least 75 % of their practice to Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Under revised policy, Diplomates "must devote the majority of their practice to the specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology."

ABOG Revises Definition of an Obstetrician and Gynecologist and Clarifies Information about Certification – January 30, 2014

- This change recognizes that in a few rare instances certified Diplomates were being called upon to treat men for certain conditions & to participate in research
- This issue became a distraction from our mission to ensure that women receive high quality & safe health care from certified obstetricians & gynecologists (and participate in MOC)

ABOG 2014

- ABOG cautions that new definition & certification policies are not an endorsement for board-certified Diplomates to practice in areas outside of their specialty stating: "The ABOG does not and cannot attest to the knowledge, judgment, skills, and qualifications of Diplomates related to practice outside of the scope of specialty of OB & GYN

2014

- "We continue to believe that because board certified Diplomates make up less than five percent of our nation's practicing physicians, they can best serve patients by focusing on a practice based on their specialized training and knowledge."

**Definition of an Obstetrician & Gynecologist
January 31, 2014**

Obstetricians & Gynecologists provide primary & preventive care for women & serve as consultants to other health care professionals

American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Certification

To be eligible for certification and maintenance of certification in Obstetrics and Gynecology or an approved subspecialty, candidates and Diplomates must devote the *majority* of their practice to specialty of Obstetrics & Gynecology

January 31, 2014

American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Certification

Participation in certification & maintenance of certification processes is voluntary. Standards of certification are distinct from those of state licensure.

January 31, 2014

**American Board of Obstetrics
and Gynecology Certification**

- ABOG certification does not indicate qualification for all aspects of practice privileges, nor does it imply lack of qualification for individuals who are not certified by the ABOG.

January 31,2014

**American Board of Obstetrics
and Gynecology Certification**

- ABOG certification does not confer upon any person any degree of legal qualification, privileges or license to practice OB & GYN
- Privileges granted physicians in the practice of OB & GYN in any hospital or other healthcare facility are the prerogative of facility and not ABOG

January 31,2014

**American Board of Obstetrics
and Gynecology Certification**

ABOG does not and cannot attest to the knowledge, judgment, skills, and qualifications of Diplomates related to practice outside of the scope of the specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology

January 31,2014

Maintenance of Certification
(MOC) 2015: New Standards
Adopted by ABMS

Standards of MOC

Each ABMS Member Board's Program for MOC will incorporate all six ABMS/ACGME Core Competencies:

- Practice-Based Learning & Improvement
- Patient Care & Procedural Skills
- Systems-Based Practice
- Medical Knowledge
- Interpersonal & Communications Skills
- Professionalism

ABOG is already doing this.

Standards of MOC

Each ABMS Member Board will work to enhance the value of its program including:

- Actions to increase the program's quality, relevance & meaningfulness
- Sensitivity to time, administrative burden & costs (monetary and other)

ABOG is committed to continuing to find ways of meeting MOC requirements with the least interference with clinical practice. Cost of program has not changed since 2008.

Standards of MOC

Each ABMS Member Board will engage in continual quality monitoring and improvement and participate in the ABMS' Program for MOC Review Process.

ABOG is already participating in this.

Professionalism & Professional Standing

Each ABMS Member Board will

- identify and convey that Board's professionalism expectations to its diplomates
- Incorporate professionalism learning & assessment activities into its MOC program

ABOG is already doing much of this requirement

Professionalism & Professional Standing

Each ABMS Member Board will establish and maintain a process that provides former diplomates an opportunity to regain board certification.

ABOG has had such a process in place for several years. Goal is to help keep our Diplomats in MOC.

Professionalism & Professional Standing

Each ABMS Member Board will

- Have a process in place to consider circumstances of an action taken against a diplomates' license by a state medical board,
- Or other determination of unprofessional conduct by an appropriate authority and to respond appropriately.

ABOG has a review process to address this!

Lifelong Learning & Self-Assessment (Part 2 MOC)

Each ABMS Member Board will establish requirements for LLS and document that diplomates are meeting the learning and self-assessment requirements.

ABOG has had a program since the start of MOC. Our Part 2 is considered a "best practice" by ABMS.

Lifelong Learning & Self-Assessment

Each ABMS Member Board will integrate Patient Safety principles into its MOC program requirements.

ABOG's safety course is taken in the 3rd year of the first 6-year cycle. This course is in the process of being shortened and a formal course is not required in future cycles (safety will be incorporated in Parts 1,2,& 4).

**Assessment of Knowledge,
Judgment & Skills (Part 3 MOC)**

ABMS board certification requires ongoing examination of diplomates' knowledge of core content, judgment, and skills in the specialty (ABOG's test is every 6 years).

**Part III: Secure Written Test
6th year of MOC**



There are 249 Pearson Vue Test Centers available to ABOG candidates



**Part 3: Secure Written Test
6th year of MOC**

- ABOG is evaluating remote proctoring options – ACOG or other meetings
- Maybe taking test on home computer
- Several boards have home testing trials under way
- May be able to give credit for part 3 without taking test in the future – enough credit from other parts of MOC

**Assessment of Knowledge,
Judgment & Skills**

To assist diplomates in developing individualized LLS programs, the ABMS Member Board will provide feedback to the diplomate about performance on secure examinations.

ABOG is working on this part!

**Improvement in Medical
Practice (Part 4 MOC)**

Each ABMS Member Board will

- Incorporate practice assessment & improvement activities into its MOC program requirements throughout diplomates' careers.
- Incorporate ways in which diplomates may engage in specialty-relevant, performance-in-practice assessment followed by improvement activities when practice gaps are identified.

**Improvement in Medical
Practice**

Each ABMS Member Board should encourage diplomate involvement in performance improvement activities within the context of the health care team and system of practice, and in alignment with other care-related quality improvement programs.

Practice Improvement

- ABOG working on ways of incorporating PIM with minimal interference to clinical practice
- Portfolio program
- Group practice activities; team approach
- Give credits for requirement already imposed by hospitals (FHR monitoring course, safety course, etc.)

Maintenance of Licensure



FSMB Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) Task Force on Continuous Professional Development Activities

New ABOG Building - 5237 square feet