

CAP

Maintaining Certification through the Continuous Assessment Program

Begin CAP
4-Year Cycle



The Continuous Assessment Program (CAP), begins the calendar year following your exam. It is comprised of CE, self-assessment modules (SAMs), triannual mini-assessments and a quality improvement activity attestation.

100 CE Hours



100 hours of CE is needed during each CAP cycle. In addition to COPE and non-COPE CE, Diplomates can earn CE through CAP activities, such as mini-assessments, optional PPMs, and free ABO-sponsored webinars.

2 SAMs



Self-assessment modules (SAMs) are designed to identify and resolve knowledge gaps. 2 SAMs are required and may be completed at any time during the 3-year assessment period.

1 QIA



The quality improvement activity (QIA) requires that a Diplomate briefly describe an improvement in the quality of their patient care or clinical practice that was initiated as a result of a CAP learning activity.

9 Mini
Assessments



Mini-assessments are offered 3 times per year, for a total of 9 assessments during each CAP cycle. They are open source, focused on a single topic and 25 questions in length. 7 out of 9 assessments must be passed to begin a new CAP cycle.

3-Year
Evaluation



Evaluation occurs at the end of 3 years. If all requirements have been met, Diplomates will have no requirements due during year 4 and will begin a new MOC cycle the following year. If requirements have not been met, Diplomates may use year 4 as a remediation period to complete requirements.