Personal Data Base (PDB): Functionality in the MOC Process

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Archway to the PDB

Now Crowne Plaza

Successful performance on the oral exam and you’re in!

First Introduction to the PDB

Letter from ABR following Orals:
- ...pleased to inform you that you passed ...
- Important information about your MOC process is enclosed ...
- Access your PDB for the 1st time using your ABR ID # & confirmation # shown in the upper left corner of this results letter ...

The ABR MOC Program

ABR Headquarters Building
Tucson, Arizona

URL: http://theabr.org
On home page one finds: PDB Log in space
**PDB Log-in Process**

- Available for ABR diplomates
- Web-based application – password protected
- Step by step process for MOC
- Easy to use with effective tools
- Maintain data files
- Receive data (CME’s, SAMs)
- Review status (Timeline)
- Submit documents (incl. attestation)
- Pay fees

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**Advantages of the Web-based Process**

- Interactive
- Allows continuous updating
- Flexibility for the diplomats

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**PDB: Web-based Process**

- PDB Access/Log-in
- Updating personal information
- Payment
- Licensure or Attestation
- CME/SAMs – Gateway capability
- Cognitive Expertise
- Practice Quality Improvement (PQI)

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**Personal Data Base (PDB): Topics for Discussion**
PDB Log-in

PDB Welcome Back Page

From News Page

Access

ABR Status: Certification status & progress, chart components
## Certification Status

### Your ABR Certification Status

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### Attestation Basic Walkthrough

(Attestee & Attester)

To be continued

Update CME/SAM Records

(Part 2: Life Long Learning & SA)

### Lifelong Learning CME & Self Assessment Modules (SAMS)

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(CME personal tools (Optional))

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Note: SAM credits (Category 1 & 2) from 2004-2006 and SAM credits from 2007-2009 are not applicable to your MOC Cycle. Please ensure your total credits are not less than your 3-year total. ** CME credits earned as part of a CME program are applicable only if your SAM credits are at least 20.25 Category 1 credits for 2009. You may earn a maximum of 30 Category 1 credits per year.
- View, print, or generate reports of your CME credits from multiple participating societies
- Aggregation of CME credits issued by participating societies.
- Consists of a cross-platform standard, software tools for collecting/aggregating CMEs, website

CME Gateway FAQs

Q: What is the CME Gateway?
A: The Gateway is a cooperative effort, initiated by RSNA and ACR, to provide a one-stop resource for monitoring one’s CME credit. With SNM, ARRIS, SIR, ASNR, SPR, and CAMPEP now also participating, this “virtual database” of CME credits is now extensive.

Q: How much does it cost?
A: There is no charge for using the CME Gateway.

Q: What benefits are there for signing up?
A: There are two significant benefits: (a) Your CME credit from Gateway member organizations will appear automatically in your Personal Data Base (PDB) on the ABR website, and (b) those credits will be regarded by the ABR as authenticated, meaning that if you are audited you do not have to produce any further evidence (e.g. certificates) for those credits.

Q: Do I have to self-enter any credits if I sign up with the CME Gateway?
A: You must self-enter Category 1 CME credits that come from any organization that is NOT a member of the CME Gateway. These may include smaller societies and hospital or university-sponsored credits.
CME Gateway

Primary Value of Using the Gateway:
- CMEs automatically appear in your PDB.
- Automatic authentication of CME credits thus obviating the need to provide documentation under the event of an ABR audit.

Self-Entered /Not Authenticated

Cognitive Expertise (Part 3)

- The diploma is expected to master the essentials of core knowledge fundamental to the practice of radiologic physics. The diploma is also expected to remain up-to-date on evolving technologies, protocols, procedures, techniques, and the applications of physics in medicine. Fulfillment of these expectations will occur through evaluation of cognitive expertise by a program, state-examined or national-level examination that is required once for each diplomate during the ten-year period. The exam may be taken in years 6, 9, or 10 of the current ROC cycle.

- The examination will be a secure, multiple-choice format examination administered in nationally-recognized computer testing centers. Test center proctors (e.g., photo identification, signature) that confirm the identity of the diplomate will be required. Exam content will be based on 1) core knowledge fundamental to the practice of radiologic physics (30%) and 2) current and evolving techniques, protocols, and applications of physics in medicine (70%).

- PG: Exams: NICE in Diagnostic Radiologic Physics
  - Exams to be available starting in 2023.
- MBI: in Medical Nuclear Physics
  - Exams to be available starting in 2011.

Practice Quality Improvement (PQI) (Part 4)

- Practice Quality Improvement
  - All radiologic physics diplomates are required to submit, under publication in a quality improvement report, a PQI at the end of each 1-year period. To update any previous year's attestations, click on the year you would like to update (located in the table on the left).

PQI Attestation for Year 3

- PQI Requirements
  - Chosen a project
  - Analyzed the cost cause
  - Developed an action plan
  - Instituted the action plan
  - Made measurements
  - Completed a PQI report

- Certification Questions for Year 3
  - The BPF recognizes that there is a wide range of quality improvement programs, and that diplomates may choose to participate in those that are not necessarily included in this list. Diplomates are encouraged to select programs that are relevant to their practice.

- PQI Requirements
  - Relevance to public care
  - Relevance to the diplomate's practice
  - Objective baseline measurements
Practice Quality Improvement (PQI)

Part 1
Attestation Basic Walkthrough (Attestee & Attester)

Attestation Process: Attestee View
Welcome Back page (Home)

Attestee View
Professional Standing Attestation
This process is required if you have not visited the Practice Improvement website. Upon completion you will receive an electronic notification of completion. This notification will be sent to your email address. If you do not receive the notification, please check your spam folder. If you still do not receive the notification, please contact the Practice Improvement Office at 800-927-3456.

Step 1: Attestation Supplement
Step 2: Take your Attestations

News
ABMS: Six Competencies

- Patient Care:
- Medical Knowledge: Understand and apply appropriate radiologic physics techniques to meet the needs of patients, health care providers, and the health care system. Engage in continuous learning.
- Interpersonal & Communication Skills:
- Professionalism:
- Practice Based Learning & Improvement:
- Systems Based Practice: Realize that radiologic physics is one part of a continuum of patient care. Work towards integration and continuous improvement.
Attestee View: Insert Attesters

Insert Attesters

Click here for an example of the Attestation form that will be filled out by the Attestee.

(MOC in Therapeutic Radiologic Physics (2002 to 2012)

Certified Radiologic Physicist

Attester's AER ID #: [field]

Attestee's Email Address: [field]

[Submit & Close]

Robert R. Hattery, MD

John J. Doe, Ph.D

Attester View: Instructions

Professional Standing Attestation

Please respond below for all those requesting attestation.

Please take a moment to acknowledge receipt of the request(s) for you to attest for the person(s) below. You may begin the attestation by clicking on the person's name. The attestation form is one page and should take approximately one minute to complete. Thank you for providing the world information to The ABR.

Instructions: For all the people listed below please select whether you will attest to their professional standing or choose to reject the request. A copy of the attestation form can be found here. You may click on the person's name to attest for them after you've agreed to attest.

Robert R. Hattery, MD

John J. Doe, Ph.D

Attester Forms

Letter of Attestation

Dear Dr. Robert R. Hattery:

John J. Doe, Ph.D.

is participating in the American Board of Radiology's Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Following successful completion of the MOC process, the diplomat receives a ten-year extension of ABR certification. As part of this process, diplomates are required to obtain letters attesting to their knowledge and skills in assessing the responsibilities associated with the profession of radiologic physicists. Attestation statements must come from individuals whom are familiar with the individual's current contributions. The ABR requests your written evaluation of John J. Doe, Ph.D. in this regard. Please submit your completed evaluation below valid for five business days. If you are unable to respond, please notify the ABR at attestation@abr.org.

A. Association with the Diplomate:

○ Professional Colleague

○ Supervisor

○ Other (Describe): [field]
Attester Forms

Evaluate options:
- Acceptable or Deficient

Attestee supplemental information

Attestee View: Attestation Status

Step 1: Attestation Supplement
Step 2: Enter your Attesters

Completed

Attestation Status:
- John Smith: [Details]
- Robert Ralph History: [Details]

Thank You for Your Attention!

We welcome your questions and comments