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## **MOC Committee Update**

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The ABNM is introducing several MOC initiatives in an attempt to make the MOC process more valuable, (see articles https://abnm\_wordpress\_uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014-2\_MOC\_Committee\_Msg.pdf and https://abnm\_wordpress\_uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014-1\_Changes\_Part2\_MOC.pdf). One of those initiatives, the Enhanced MOC Exam (*SNMMI Newsline J Nucl Med. 2015 Jun;56(6)* has already made an appearance in the form of an exam study guide (https://abnm\_wordpress\_uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/ABNM\_Study\_Guide\_Key\_Articles.pdf). This list of open access key articles will be used by the Board as a source of questions for the MOC exam. For the 2015 MOC exam, there will be some questions that relate to the content covered in the articles. Eventually, about 30% of the questions on the MOC exam will be derived from these articles. But, even for the 2015 exam, these articles provide a source of information the Board feels is valuable. We welcome suggested additions to this list.

E-mail reminders are now being sent to diplomates at least once a year at the beginning of January. The annual reminder lists any gaps remaining from the previous year and shows the requirements for the upcoming year. For diplomates that are more than 1 year behind in requirements or who have an upcoming MOC exam, reminders are sent every two months listing the gaps that should be closed by the end of the year. To suppress the two monthly reminders, unclick the "frequent reminders" box on My Profile. We have had a few startup problems with the e-mails. Please let us know if your reminder seems incorrect, abnm@abnm.org.

The MOC Policy has been updated, https://www.abnm.org/index.php/moc-policy/. The changes in policy are relatively minor, making diplomate status consistent with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) terminology.