Expansion of Qualifying Improvement Activities

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Many diplomates have found Improvement in Medical Practice (Part IV of MOC) the most troublesome. Therefore, the ABNM has expanded the list of improvement activities that will fulfill the Part IV requirement. Many of these activities already are a part of any practice, and so many diplomates continually fulfill the spirit of Part IV. Below is a list of qualified activities. Note that the ABNM also accepts any improvement activity qualified by another American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) board.

Previously, Part IV projects consisted of 3 parts; each of the 3 parts counted as one activity (toward a minimum requirement of one activity per year). Diplomates may continue to receive Part IV credit for these projects. In addition, the items listed below will provide credit for one activity. As long as a diplomate has meaningful and ongoing participation in one of these activities, the diplomate may receive credit each year. It is possible for more than one diplomate to participate in the same activity so long as each diplomate’s participation is meaningful and ongoing.

In addition to these activities, the ABNM will periodically provide diplomates with a survey on current practice patterns. The results of these surveys will be reported so that participating diplomates can see how their practice compares to their colleagues. Participation in a survey will also provide credit for one activity.

List of Expanded Part IV Activities

1. Member, clinical quality and/or safety committee
2. Participation in a peer-review process or OPPE
3. Participation in a root cause analysis team
4. Publication of an article related to QI, or safety, or improvement in clinical care
5. Invited presentation at a national meeting regarding QI or safety
6. Regular (10/year) participation in clinical conferences (e.g. tumor boards)
7. Creation, management, or participation in a quality or safety program (e.g. daily huddle)
8. Local or national leadership role in a national/international QI program (e.g. Image Wisely)
9. Completion of a peer survey on quality or patient safety
10. Completion of a patient encounter of care survey
11. Participation in applying for or maintaining accreditation (e.g. ACR, IAC)
12. Participation in passing a federal or state radiation safety inspection without violations
13. Participation in a phantom simulator program (e.g. SNMMI imaging proficiency phantom exercise)
14. Being a program director for an ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship program
15. Academic promotion
16. Participation in an approved registry (e.g. NOPR)