



Updates to the MOC Process

Maine Medical Association



Agenda

- MOC Overview
- American Board of Surgery Changes
- Collecting Learner MOC Information
- Adding MOC to an Activity in PARS
- Reporting Learners for MOC

Does your organization
report MOC credits into
PARS?

Answer in the Poll

MOC Overview

MOC stands for Maintenance of Certification.

Currently the ACCME collaborates with 6 Specialty Boards.

This collaboration allows Accredited CME Providers to report MOC credits earned by physicians.

Some boards use the term
'Continuous Certification' or
'Continuing Certification'
instead of MOC

Current Specialty Boards Collaborating with ACCME



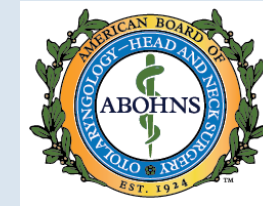
American Board of Anesthesiology

ABA



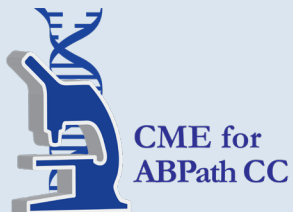
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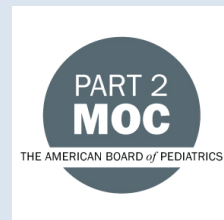
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American Board of Pathology

ABPath



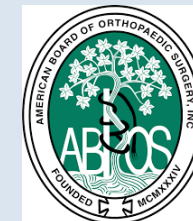
American Board of Pediatrics

ABP



American Board of Surgery

ABOHNS



American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery

ABOS

Coming October 2023

Board Requirements

Each specialty board has different credit types that can be registered for MOC. The table below lists each board and the credit types that can be offered.

MOC Credit Type Language

Board and Program Name	Accredited CME	Accredited CME with Evaluation and Feedback	Accredited CME Improvement Activity	Accredited Patient Safety CME
ABA MOCA 2.0 [®] - Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology Program [®]	Lifelong Learning	X	X	Patient Safety
ABIM MOC Assessment Recognition Program	X	Medical Knowledge	Practice Assessment	Patient Safety
ABOHNS Continuing Certification	X	Self-Assessment	Improvement in Medical Practice	Patient Safety
ABPath Continuing Certification	Lifelong Learning	X	Improvement in Medical Practice	X
ABP Maintenance of Certification	X	Lifelong Learning & Self-Assessment	X	X
ABS Continuous Certification	Accredited CME	Self-Assessment	X	X
ABOS Maintenance of Certification	Accredited CME	Self-Assessment Examination	X	X

Source: CME for Maintenance of Certification Program Guide

MOC Credit Type Requirements

Accredited CME

ABA; ABPath; ABS;
ABOS

- Must meet CME Requirements
- Activity is relevant to learners certified by the specialty board

Accredited CME with Evaluation and Feedback

ABIM; ABOHNS;
ABS; ABP; ABOS

- Must meet CME Requirements
- Includes an evaluation component with a “participation threshold”
- Provides feedback to learners

Accredited CME Improvement Activity

ABIM; ABOHNS;
ABPath

- Must meet CME Requirements
- Addresses a quality or safety gap
- Has specific, measurable aims for improvement
 - Assesses impact of interventions

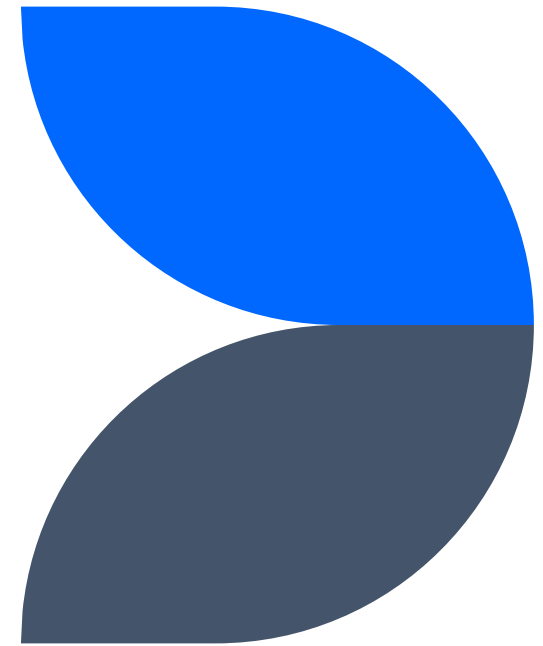
Accredited Patient Safety CME

ABA; ABIM; ABOHNS

- Must meet CME requirements
- Addresses foundational safety knowledge and/or prevention of adverse events
- Must be offered in conjunction with another MOC Activity Type

American Board of Surgery Changes

Effective July 1, 2023



ACCME Announcement – February 3, 2023

ABS RETIRES SELF-REPORTING OF CME CREDITS: ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

The American Board of Surgery (ABS) [recently announced changes](#) in how their diplomates can receive Continuous Certification (CC, also known as MOC credit) for participating in CME activities. Effective July 1, 2023, ABS is discontinuing self-reporting of credits by diplomates. For an ABS surgeon to have their CME credit count toward their ABS CC requirements, it will need to come through PARS. Since ABS accepts any accredited CME relevant to surgery, many providers will have CME activities that would count. If any of your surgeon-learners would like you to report their CME credit, you can register the activity in PARS and report their credit. It will then be made available to ABS and show up in the surgeon's ABS profile.

Since [ABS joined the CME for MOC Collaboration in 2021](#), all accredited providers have been able to register their CME activities for ABS CC and report their surgeon learners' credit in PARS. Over 150 accredited providers have registered their activities for ABS. There has been no change to require accredited providers to report credit for any of the certifying boards. Participating in the CME for MOC Collaboration remains an optional way for accredited providers to add value to their CME programs and relieve some of the reporting burden from physician learners.

Changes for MOC Credit Reporting

Old System

Physicians submitted certificates to the American Board of Surgery to self-report MOC Credits earned.

AND/OR

Accredited Providers reported ABS MOC credits earned by physicians in PARS. The ABS could then access this information.

New System

Physicians are no longer able to self-report ABS MOC credits to the specialty board.

SO

Accredited Providers must report ABS MOC credits for physicians in PARS.

(If they choose to report these credits for their learners)



What Do You Need To Do As An Accredited Provider?

1. **Collect Learner Information**
2. **Add MOC to Relevant PARS Activities**
3. **Report MOC Earned into PARS**

1. Collect Learner Information

To report MOC for learners, you will need to collect the following information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Month and Day of Birth
- Permission to Report MOC Credits
- Specialty Board
- Board ID Number

1. Collect Learner Information

Consent Form

Best for use with a repeated group of learners

Have learners complete a consent form once for all activities.



Consent Form Example

Maine Medical Education Trust CME and MOC Consent Form

What is CME Passport?

A **free**, centralized web application where physicians can create a personalized account to view, track, and generate transcripts of their reported CME credit and search for CME Activities. Physicians can create accounts at <https://www.cmepassport.org/>.

Who's Behind the Change?

The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) has partnered with all state medical and osteopathic licensing boards and certain specialty boards to move towards a centralized CME and MOC reporting and tracking system. This system allows state boards to obtain CME records and for select specialty boards to obtain MOC records.

Physicians who wish to take advantage of this free tracking and reporting system must grant permission to the Maine Medical Education Trust to report earned credits on their behalf.

Information Needed to Participate

First Name:		Last Name:	
Credentials:		Date of Birth (MM/DD)	
Email:			
State of Licensure:		License ID:	
Specialty Board:		Board ID:	

Granting Permission to Submit Information

The MMET is able to report CME and MOC Credit on your behalf to all state medical and osteopathic licensing boards and the following specialty boards:

- American Board of Anesthesiology
- American Board of Internal Medicine
- American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
- American Board of Pathology, American Board of Pediatrics
- American Board of Surgery*
- American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery

*Please note that the American Board of Surgery no longer allows physicians to self-report MOC credits.

Do you consent to have the MMET report this data?

- Please report CME and MOC Credits on my behalf to CME Passport.
- I do not wish to participate in CME Passport. Send me my CME certificate and I will make the necessary filings.
- I do not wish to claim AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ or participation hours for this activity.

1. Collect Learner Information

Consent Form

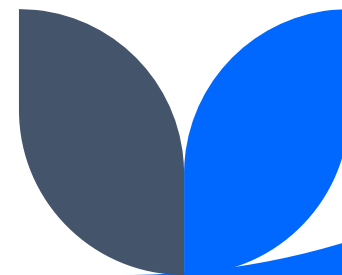
Best for use with a repeated group of learners

Have learners complete a consent form once for all activities.

Evaluation

Best for use with a changing group of physicians.

Ask for the necessary information on the evaluation form learners complete at the end of each relevant activity.



Evaluation Example

13. Please fill out the contact information below.

First Name:		Last Name:	
Credentials:		Email:	

14. The MMET is able to report CME Credit on your behalf to all state medical and osteopathic licensing boards and MOC credits to specialty boards. Do you consent to have the MMET report this data?

Yes No This does not apply to me, I am not an MD or DO

15. If you answered yes to the question above, please provide the following information for reporting purposes.

Date of Birth (MM/DD):		State of Licensure:		License ID:	
Certifying Board:		Certifying Board ID:			

2. Add MOC to Relevant PARS Activities

Relevant Activities

Those that involve surgery practice areas such as:

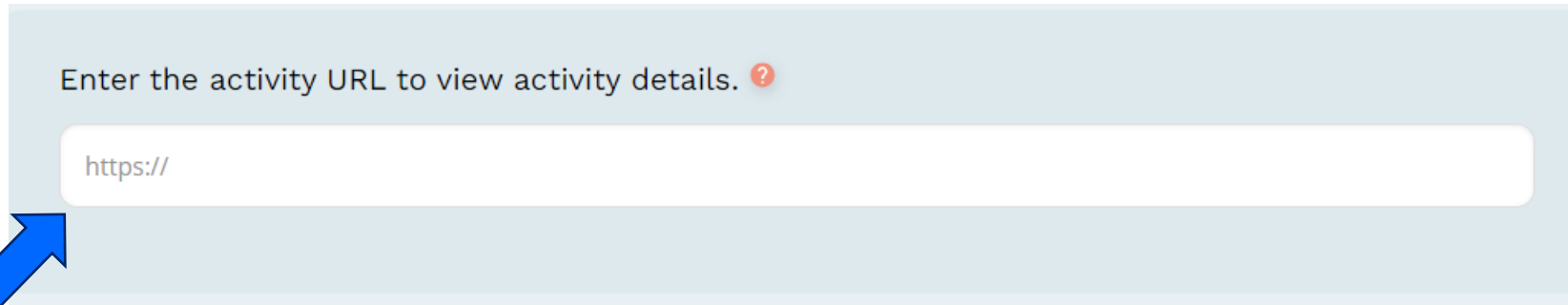
- Bariatric Surgery
- Complex General Surgical Oncology
- Hand Surgery
- Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- Neurocritical Care
- Pediatric Surgery
- Surgical Critical Care
- Vascular Surgery
- General Surgery

MOC Can be added to any Active or Ready to Close Activity

2. Add MOC to Relevant PARS Activities

Step 1: Add or Edit an Existing Activity.

Add a URL.

A screenshot of a light blue form field. At the top, it says "Enter the activity URL to view activity details." followed by a red question mark icon. Below this is a white input box containing the text "https://". A blue arrow points from the bottom left towards the input box.


MOC Activities require a URL, otherwise, the activity will remain in Draft Form.



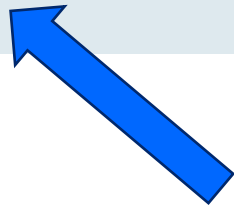
2. Add MOC to Relevant PARS Activities

Step 2: Under MOC, choose Yes

In addition to offering CME credit, is this activity being registered for any of the following programs?

MOC 
Maintenance of Certification

Yes No



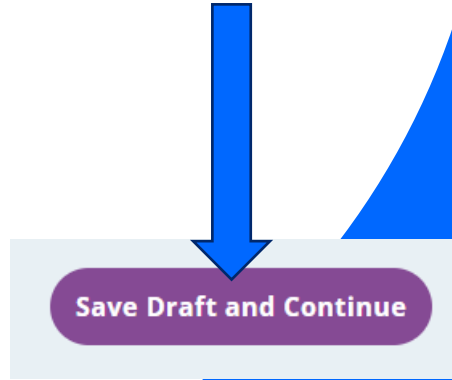
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Step 3: Choose a Certifying Board from the Drop-Down Menu

Which certifying boards are you registering this MOC activity for? *

- + American Board of Anesthesiology
- + American Board of Internal Medicine
- + American Board of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
- + American Board of Pathology
- + American Board of Pediatrics
- + American Board of Surgery

Please select a certifying board.



2. Add MOC to Relevant PARS Activities

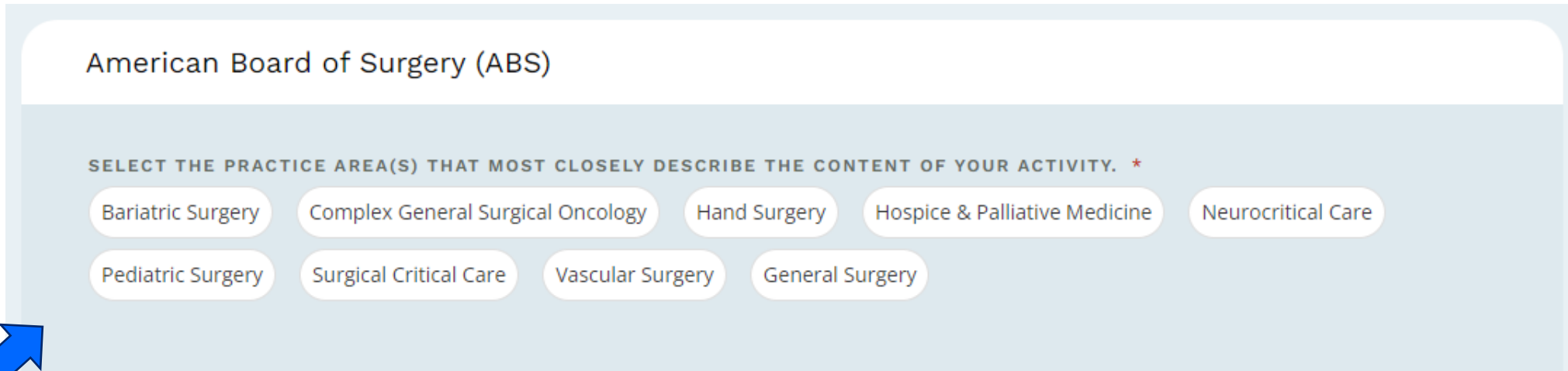
Step 4: Choose Practice Areas Relevant to Activity

American Board of Surgery (ABS)

SELECT THE PRACTICE AREA(S) THAT MOST CLOSELY DESCRIBE THE CONTENT OF YOUR ACTIVITY. *

Bariatric Surgery Complex General Surgical Oncology Hand Surgery Hospice & Palliative Medicine Neurocritical Care

Pediatric Surgery Surgical Critical Care Vascular Surgery General Surgery



Note: This screen appears AFTER the usual final screen when creating an activity.

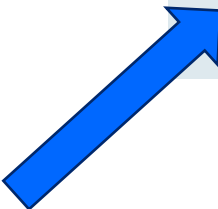
2. Add MOC to Relevant PARS Activities

Step 5: Indicate the Credit Type

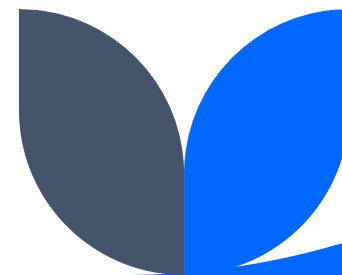
PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE(S) OF MOC CREDIT FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING THIS ACTIVITY:

Self-Assessment

Accredited CME

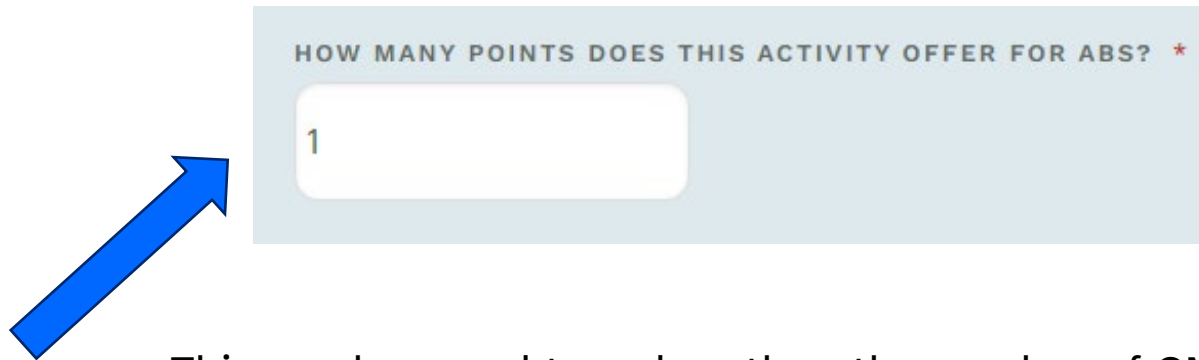


Note: Self-Assessment has additional requirements beyond CME requirements.



2. Add MOC to Relevant PARS Activities

Step 6: Indicate the Number of MOC Points Offered

A screenshot of a form field with a light blue background. The text "HOW MANY POINTS DOES THIS ACTIVITY OFFER FOR ABS? *" is displayed in a small, grey font at the top. Below the text is a white rounded rectangular input box containing the number "1". A large blue arrow points from the bottom left towards the input box.

This can be equal to or less than the number of CME Credits



2. Add MOC to Relevant PARS Activities

Step 7: Indicate the Last Day Learners Can Claim MOC Credit

Some Specialty Boards have requirements about when they want their learner credit reported.


ABS – Up to 5 years after completion

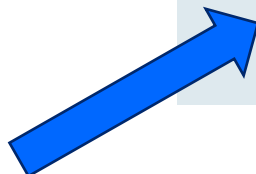
ABP – No later than December 1st of current calendar year, but wants learners reported within 30 days.

Others are up to the provider.

What is the last day a learner can claim MOC credit?

MOC CREDIT DEADLINE





2. Add MOC to Relevant PARS Activities

Step 8: Attest that the Program Follows MOC Requirements and Allow ACCME to Access and Publish Information

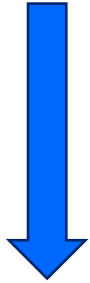
Program Attestation

By checking this box, I attest that I:

- have reviewed the policies of the certifying boards selected in the [CME for MOC Program Guide](#) and determined that this activity meets all outlined requirements;
- agree to allow ACCME to release information about this activity to the selected certifying boards for their unrestricted use;
- agree to allow ACCME to publish information about this activity on its website (www.cmepassport.org) as a service to learners;
- agree to collect and submit the required individual learner completion data for the selected certifying boards via PARS, with the permission of the learner(s);
- agree to comply with requests for information about this activity if it is selected for an audit by the ACCME.

Save Activity

2. Add MOC to Relevant PARS Activities



Save Activity

Activity successfully added

Activity ID: 202551620 | Internal ID: None





- ✓ MOC for American Board of Surgery (ABS)
-Accredited CME

3. Report MOC Earned in PARS

After the activity, MOC credits can be reported on an individual basis or batch uploaded.

1. To Add Individual Learners, click on the activity



-  Update Total Learners
-  Add Individual Learners
-  Print Activity
-  Copy Activity

3. Report MOC Earned in PARS

2. Enter Learner Information

Note: MOC can be reported without reporting the CME.

Enter identification information and CME credits for the learner. Add a board to report MOC.

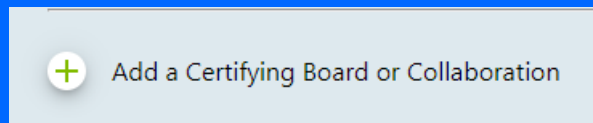
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Report for CME credit

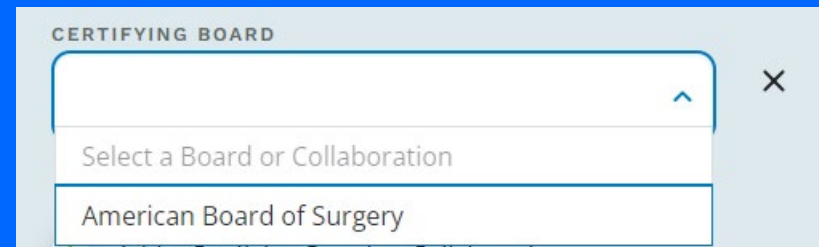
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3. Report MOC Earned in PARS

3. Click Add a Certifying Board



4. Choose a Board from the Drop-Down Menu



Only Boards associated with the activity will appear.

3. Report MOC Earned in PARS

5. Enter Board ID and Credits

American Board of Surgery ×

BOARD ID

TOTAL CREDITS
Credits must be greater than 0

ABS CREDIT TYPES *

Accredited CME

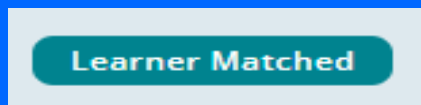
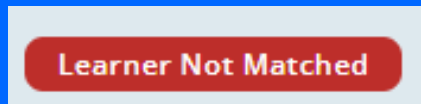
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These numbers will be the same if there is only one credit type.

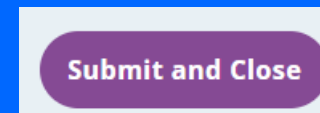
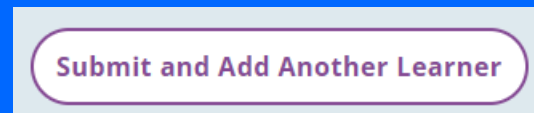
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The system will let you know if the learner is matched (found in the system) or not matched.

Credits can only be reported when they are matched.




When Learner is matched:



3. Report MOC Earned in PARS

When Learner is not matched:



Learner Not Matched

Look up Learner on Specialty Board site

Contact Learner to make sure information is correct

Ask if they have had any former names

3. Report MOC Earned in PARS

To Batch Upload Learners

Please see previous presentation on **CME Passport and Learner Reporting in PARS** on the [Downloads – Accredited Providers](#) page of the MMA Website

OR

Visit ACCME website with PARS information: <https://accme.org/pars>

Where To Find More Information

CME That Counts for MOC

On ACCME Website

<https://accme.org/cme-counts-for-moc>

+ WHAT IS MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION?
+ GETTING STARTED
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+ REGISTER YOUR ACTIVITIES IN PARS
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CME for Maintenance of Certification Program Guide

Download from:

- ACCME website

<https://www.accme.org/publications/cme-for-moc-program-guide>

- MMA Downloads – Accredited Providers website

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Specialty Board Websites

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Summary

- Accredited Providers are now responsible for reporting ABS MOC Credits through PARS.
- Utilize a consent form or evaluation tool to collect learner information and permission.
- Add MOC to relevant activities in PARS (not all activities).

Questions?

Upcoming Sessions

Reaccreditation Process

To Be Scheduled

For Providers with 2024

Decision Dates

Via Zoom

Learn to Thrive Plus

October 24th 11am-3:45pm

Virtual Conference

Open to All Accredited Providers

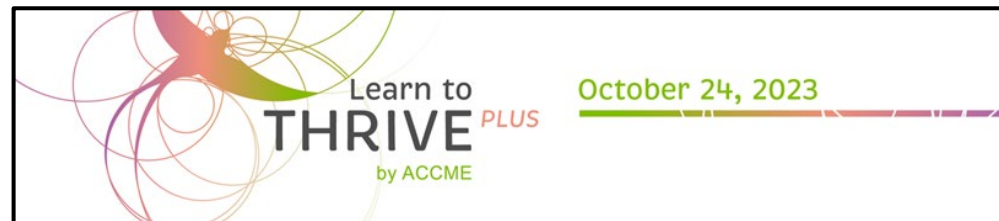
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\$50 Registration Fee

10 Things You May Not Have Known about AMA Credit

November 9th 9-9:30am

Via Zoom





Learn to
THRIVE *PLUS*
by ACCME

*A Virtual Gathering for the
Accredited CE Community*

October 24, 2023
10:00 am – 3:45 pm CT

Registration Deadline:

➤ Friday, October 20, 2023
5:00 pm CT

Fees (*per person*):

- Accredited Providers = \$50
- Recognized & Colleague
Accreditors = \$50
- Non-Accredited
Organizations = \$100

 www.accmemeeeting.org/learntothriveplus

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Accepting submissions until **Monday,
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- CE Research & Scholarship project abstracts
- 2024 Working Group proposals

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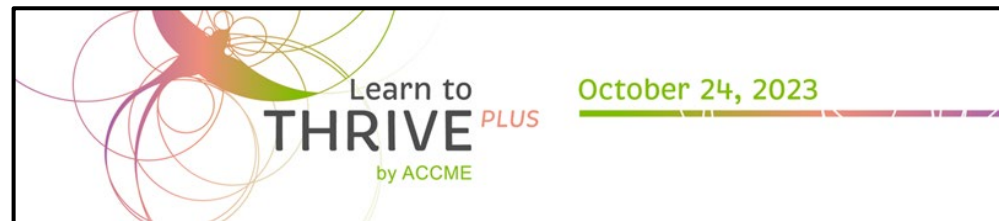
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