Longitudinal Assessment Program Orientation

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Background

Hallmarks of Longitudinal Assessment

- Administration of shorter, more frequent assessments over a period of time
- Internet-based delivery
- Supported by adult learning theory
- Repeated exposure to relevant information
- Immediate performance feedback

ABMGG is one of 7 member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties to pilot and implement longitudinal assessment using the CertLink platform.
Program Goals

- Enhance value of Continuing Certification
- Create a more formative program
- Integrate continual knowledge assessment
- Offer more resources to improve
- Make Continuing Certification more relevant
- Keep you up-to-date in your field

Value

Relevance

Burden

powered by the American Board of Medical Specialties
Pilot Reflections

Diplomate Survey Results

- 98% Overall satisfied with CertLink as a replacement for the current Part III exam.
- 94% CertLink questions were useful learning tools.
- 96% CertLink is a feasible method to keep up-to-date.
- 91% CertLink is an adequate assessment of the fundamental knowledge.
- 84% 5 minutes is adequate for answering questions.
- 95% the platform has been easy to learn to use.
- 90% CertLink has helped identify knowledge gaps.

Conclusions from pilot data analysis found...

- Strong relationship between confidence and correct response and between relevance and correct response.
- Performance on clones shows evidence of learning.
- The reproductivity of scores and pass/fail results are expected to be satisfactory to make summative decision.
- Participating diplomates found format easy to navigate and flexible to busy lifestyles. Highly valued immediate feedback, learning opportunities, and peer comparison.
Launch Timeline

- May 12 – Webinar and welcome email
- May 15 – Invitation to platform
- December 31 – First 24 questions must be answered
Overview

• Longitudinal Assessment replaces the 10-year secure exam as the assessment requirement of Continuing Certification
• It does not replace the professionalism, lifelong learning or practice improvement activities
• 24 questions/6 months
• 4-year cycles, 5th year off
• Remediation if standards are not met

All diplomats certified after 1990 must participate
Nuts and Bolts

Answering items
• 5 minutes/question
• Must answer once item is opened
• “Open book”*
• Ability to re-attempt questions to reinforce learning (only first answer is scored)

Scoring
• Immediate feedback
• “Critiques”
• References provided
• Missed items revisited later via “clones”
• Diplomate dashboard displays real-time performance and peer comparison

*Longitudinal assessment program is considered an individual activity. Diplomates are required to sign a legally binding statement of integrity.
Note! Be sure to update all personal and contact information in the ABMGG portal.

- You have been automatically enrolled in the program
- You will receive an invitation to CertLink on May 15 with instructions
- Once you enter the platform, you may begin!
Receiving emails

• Add the following to your safe senders list in email:
  – no-reply@castoredc.com
  – ABMGG@mycertlink.org
• Update your personal and contact information in the portal
Getting Set Up

Prepping your technical environment

- Make sure your browser is updated
- Use steady, relatively high-speed internet
- Ask your IT administrator to whitelist/permit mycertlink.org
  - Consider using a non-work network or computer if you have trouble
- You can download the mobile app from Google Play or Apple App Store
  - only on tablets, no smart phones
- When prompted, run the system check
Getting Set Up

Designing your assessment

- Diplomates certified in more than one specialty can weight the number of questions according to their specialties and preferences.
- Clinical Geneticists can customize their assessment based on area of clinical practice.
- The platform requires a set number of core questions, and then allows the diplomate to choose the remainder in their practice while meeting a minimum baseline in each area.
Logging in

- Your login is the email you use in the portal
- Your password is specific to CertLink
- Your account will be locked if there are 5 failed login attempts. Click “forgot password” before the 5th attempt.
- Reach out the ABMGG if you are locked out. Do not click the “Request Access” button.
- Contact ABMGG if you need to change your email address.
Tips!

Answering questions

**DO NOT** navigate away from the question, refresh or close the browser or the question will be marked incorrect.

Click **directly on your answer** to select it, then click “Submit Your Answer.”

Submit your answer before the timer expires, otherwise the question will be marked incorrect.

Use these buttons only to **eliminate** an option from consideration.
Tips!

Requesting Support

- Submit a ticket within the system
- Send an email to abmgg@mycertlink.org

Submitting Content-related Feedback

- Use the Feedback button at the top of the Critique Page after each question and on the details page in Question History
- Complete the surveys
Assessing Progress

- Performance standards will be set at the end of the 4-year cycle.
- Your performance will be assessed once the performance standards are set.
- Our goal is to identify low performance early in the program to help improve performance.
- If you do not meet performance standards, you will need to remediate these deficiencies which may include a secure examination.

Most diplomats will stay on track simply by participating actively in the program.
Coming Soon

- Article-based questions
- CME credit
- Lifelong Learning activity credit
- Single sign on from ABMGG dashboard