

Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery 2015 Maintenance of Certification Frequently asked Questions

1. **I have a non-expiring or non-time-limited certification in basic Obstetrics and Gynecology. I am scheduled for the senior candidate FPMRS examination in June. Do I need to participate in MOC for 2015?**

No. You must be an active Diplomate at the time of your application and examination, but you do not need to participate in MOC before certification in FPMRS.

2. **I have a non-expiring or non-time-limited certification in basic Obstetrics and Gynecology. What will be the status of my basic certification when I pass the 2015 FPMRS examination?**

When you pass the 2015 FPMRS examination and gain certification in FPMRS, your subspecialty certification will be time-limited. So, you will be required to continuously maintain your certification through participation in FPMRS MOC. You will be certified for the remainder of 2015, and you must begin FPMRS MOC in 2016. You will be in FPMRS MOC Year 1 in 2016.

In addition, your non-time limited basic Obstetrics and Gynecology certification will become linked to your time-limited FPMRS certification. You must fully participate in FPMRS MOC to continuously maintain your basic and subspecialty certifications.

3. **I have a time-limited certification in basic Obstetrics and Gynecology. I will be in year 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of MOC in 2015. I am scheduled for the senior candidate FPMRS examination in June. Do I need to participate in MOC for 2015?**

There are several options you may choose from. The decision depends on whether you pass or fail the 2015 FPMRS examination and whether you need the MOC CME credit hours.

It is important to remember that the 2015 FPMRS examination will be administered in June, and examination results will not be available until September 15, 2015.

If you pass the 2015 senior candidate examination, you will be certified in both basic obstetrics and gynecology and FPMRS. You will be dually-certified for the remainder of 2015, and you must begin FPMRS MOC in 2016. You will be in FPMRS MOC Year 1 in 2016.

- a. You may choose to apply for and participate in 2015 basic MOC before you take the FPMRS examination, but there will be no refund of any fees when you pass the FPMRS examination. You will receive CME credit hours for the assignments and modules completed.
- b. You may choose to delay application and completion of the 2015 basic MOC assignments until you receive the results of your FPMRS examination. Since you passed the examination and are dually-certified, you are not required to complete basic MOC assignments for 2015. You don't complete any MOC assignments, so you don't receive any CME credit hours.

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If you fail to pass the 2015 senior candidate examination, you will not qualify to be certified in both basic obstetrics and gynecology and FPMRS. So, you will need to complete the 2015 assignments for basic obstetrics and gynecology certification.

- a. You may choose to apply for and participate in 2015 basic MOC before you take the FPMRS examination. You will need to complete all the assignments by December 15, 2015 to maintain your basic certification status.
- b. You may choose to delay application and completion of the 2015 basic MOC assignments until you receive the results of your FPMRS examination in August. Since you failed the examination, you will not be dually-certified. You will need to apply for 2015 basic MOC by November 15, 2015. You will need to complete all the assignments by December 15, 2015 to maintain your basic certification status.

4. I have a time-limited certification in Basic Obstetrics and Gynecology. I am in MOC year 6 in 2015. I am scheduled for the senior candidate FPMRS examination in June. Do I need to participate in MOC for 2015 and schedule the MOC Part III examination?

There are several options you may choose from. The decision depends on whether you pass or fail the FPMRS written examination and whether you need the MOC CME.

It is important to remember that the written FPMRS examination will be administered in June, and examination results will not be available until September 15, 2015.

If you pass the 2015 senior candidate written examination, you will be certified in both basic obstetrics and gynecology and FPMRS. You will be dually-certified for the remainder of 2015, and you must begin FPMRS MOC in 2016. You will be in FPMRS MOC Year 1 in 2016.

- a. You may choose to apply for and participate in 2015 basic MOC before you take the FPMRS examination, but there will be no refund of any basic MOC fees when you pass the FPMRS examination. You will receive CME credit hours for the assignments and modules completed. If you have not taken the Part III MOC examination yet, that fee may be refunded.
- b. You may choose to delay application and completion of the 2015 basic MOC assignments until you receive the results of your FPMRS examination. Since you passed the examination and are dually-certified, you are not required to complete basic MOC assignments for 2015. You don't complete any MOC assignments, so you don't receive any CME credit hours.

If you fail to pass the 2015 senior candidate written examination, you will not be certified in both basic obstetrics and gynecology and FPMRS. So, you will need to complete the 2015 assignments for basic obstetrics and gynecology certification.

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- a. You may choose to apply for and participate in 2015 basic MOC before you take the FPMRS examination. You will need to complete all the assignments by December 15, 2015 to maintain your basic certification status. You will be required to pass the basic MOC Part III written examination by December 15, 2015.
- b. You may choose to delay application and completion of the 2015 basic MOC assignments until you receive the results of your FPMRS examination. Since you failed to pass the examination and will not be dually-certified. You will need to apply for 2015 basic MOC by November 15, 2015. You will need to complete all the assignments by December 15, 2015 to maintain your basic certification status. You will be required to pass the basic MOC Part III written examination by December 15, 2015.

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Diplomate Status	Non-time limited	Time-limited MOC Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 in 2015	Time-limited MOC Year 6 in 2015
If I pass the 2015 FPMRS exam, do I need to participate in Basic MOC in 2015?	No	No. You may participate if you want the CME credit hours for Parts II and IV.	No. You may participate if you want the CME credit hours for Parts II and IV.
If I pass the 2015 FPMRS exam, do I need to take the 2015 MOC Part III written examination?	No	Not applicable in MOC Years 1-5.	No
If I pass the 2015 FPMRS exam, what will my MOC year become?	2015 will be considered a voluntary certification year. 2016 will be your FPMRS MOC year 1.	2015 will be considered a voluntary certification year. In 2016, your Basic MOC year will convert to FPMRS MOC year 1.	2015 will be considered a voluntary certification year. In 2016, your Basic MOC year will convert to FPMRS MOC year 1.
If I pass the FPMRS exam in 2015, when do I need to apply for MOC next?	2016	2016	2016
If I fail the FPMRS exam, do I need to participate in 2015 MOC?	No	Yes. You will be notified of your score in September 2015. You must apply for MOC by 15 th and complete the basic MOC assignments by December 15 th .	Yes. You will be notified of your score in September, 2015. You must apply for MOC by November 15 th and complete the basic MOC assignments, including the Part III written examination by December 15 th .
Am I required to apply for 2015 MOC <u>before</u> I take the FPMRS examination?	No	No. You may choose to apply and participate before the FPMRS examination. You will receive CME credit for the assignments that you complete. However, if you pass the exam your MOC year re-sets to FPMRS, and it is not possible to refund any fees.	No. You may choose to apply and participate before the FPMRS examination. You will receive CME credit for the assignments that you complete. However, if you pass the exam your MOC year re-sets to FPMRS. It is not possible to refund basic MOC fees except the MOC Part III exam fee if you have not taken the exam.