

2015 Maintenance of Certification Frequently asked Questions Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery, Gynecologic Oncology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility

1. **I have a non-expiring or non-time-limited certification in basic Obstetrics and Gynecology. I am scheduled for a subspecialty oral examination in April. Do I need to participate in MOC for 2015?**

No. You must be an active Diplomate at the time of your MOC application. You do not need to participate in MOC in 2015.

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 oral subspecialty examination?**

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

In addition, your non-time limited basic Obstetrics and Gynecology certification will become linked to your time-limited subspecialty certification. If an individual has basic certification in obstetrics and gynecology before November 1986, and subspecialty certification on or after November 1987, the only time-limit is that placed on the subspecialty certificate.

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 subspecialty oral examination in April. 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 subspecialty oral examination and whether you need the MOC CME credit hours.

The 2015 subspecialty oral examinations will be administered in April, and examination results will be made available to you on Monday, April 20, 2015.

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

- a. You may choose to apply for and participate in 2015 basic MOC before you take the subspecialty oral examination, but there will be no refund of any fees when you pass the subspecialty oral 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 subspecialty oral 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 subspecialty oral examination, you will not be certified in both basic obstetrics and gynecology and a subspecialty. 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 subspecialty oral 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 subspecialty oral examination in April. 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 subspecialty oral examination in April. Do I need to participate in MOC for 2015 and schedule the Basic MOC Part III examination?**

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

The subspecialty oral examinations will be administered in April, and examination results will be made available to you on Monday, April 20, 2015.

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

- a. You may choose to apply for and participate in 2015 basic MOC before you take the subspecialty oral examination, but there will be no refund of any basic MOC fees when you pass the subspecialty oral 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 will be refunded.
- b. You may choose to delay application and completion of the 2015 basic MOC assignments until you receive the results of your subspecialty oral 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 subspecialty oral examination, you will not qualify to be certified in both basic obstetrics and gynecology and a subspecialty. 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 subspecialty oral 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 subspecialty oral 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 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 subspecialty oral 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 subspecialty oral 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 subspecialty oral exam, what will my MOC year become?	2015 will be considered a voluntary certification year. 2016 will be your subspecialty MOC Year 1.	2015 will be considered a voluntary certification year. In 2016, your Basic MOC year will convert to subspecialty MOC Year 1.	2015 will be considered a voluntary certification year. In 2016, your Basic MOC year will convert to subspecialty MOC Year 1.
If I pass the subspecialty oral exam in 2015, when do I need to apply for MOC next?	2016	2016	2016
If I fail the subspecialty oral exam, do I need to participate in 2015 MOC?	No	Yes. You will be notified of your score in April 2015. You must apply for MOC by November 15 th and complete the basic MOC assignments by December 15 th .	Yes. You will be notified of your score in April 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 subspecialty oral examination?	No	No. You may choose to apply and participate before the subspecialty oral examination. You will receive CME credit for the assignments that you complete. However, if you pass the exam your MOC year resets to MOC Year 1 of your subspecialty, and it is not possible to refund any fees.	No. You may choose to participate before the subspecialty oral examination. You will receive CME credit for completed assignments. If you pass the exam your MOC year resets to MOC 1 of your subspecialty. Basic MOC fees are not refundable. If you have not taken the MOC Part III exam, that fee may be refunded.