

2016 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-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 2016?**

No. You must be an active Diplomate at the time of your MOC application. You do not need to participate in MOC in 2016.

2. **I have a non-time-limited certification in basic Obstetrics and Gynecology. What will be the status of my basic certification when I pass the 2016 oral subspecialty examination?**

When you pass a 2016 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 2016, and you must begin the subspecialty MOC in 2017. You will be in the subspecialty MOC Year 1 in 2017.

In addition, your non-time limited basic Obstetrics and Gynecology certification will become linked to your time-limited subspecialty certification.

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 2016. I am scheduled for the subspecialty oral examination in April. Do I need to participate in MOC for 2016?**

There are several options you may choose from. The decision depends on whether you pass or fail the 2016 subspecialty oral examination and whether you need the MOC CME credit hours.

The 2016 subspecialty oral examination results will be available to you on Friday, April 8, 2016.

If you pass the 2016 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 2016, and you must begin your subspecialty MOC in 2017. You will be in subspecialty MOC Year 1 in 2017.

- a. You may choose to participate in 2016 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 Lifelong Learning assignments and any QI modules completed.
- b. You may choose to delay participation in the 2016 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 2016. You don't complete any MOC assignments, so you don't receive any CME credit hours.

If you fail to pass the 2016 subspecialty oral examination, you will not be certified in both basic obstetrics and gynecology and a subspecialty. So, you will need to complete the 2016 assignments for basic obstetrics and gynecology certification.

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- a. You may choose to participate in 2016 basic MOC before you take the subspecialty oral examination. You will need to complete all the assignments by December 15, 2016 to maintain your basic certification.
 - b. You may choose to delay participation in the 2016 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 2016 basic MOC by November 15, 2016. You will need to complete all the assignments by December 15, 2016 to maintain your basic certification.
4. **I have a time-limited certification in Basic Obstetrics and Gynecology. I am in MOC Year 6 in 2016. I am scheduled for the subspecialty oral examination in April. Do I need to participate in MOC for 2016 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.

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If you pass the 2016 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 2016, and you must begin your subspecialty MOC in 2017. You will be in your subspecialty MOC Year 1 in 2017.

- a. You may choose to participate in 2016 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 QI modules completed.

You may participate in MOC pilot program. If you qualify, you will be exempt from the Part III MOC examination. If you do not qualify for the pilot program, passing the subspecialty exam will qualify as meeting the Part III MOC requirement. That fee will be refunded.

- b. You may choose to delay participation in the 2016 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 2016. You don't complete any MOC assignments, so you don't receive any CME credit hours.

If you fail to pass the 2016 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 2016 assignments for basic obstetrics and gynecology certification.

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You may participate in MOC pilot program. If you qualify, you will be exempt from the Part III MOC examination. If you do not qualify for the pilot program, you must pass the basic MOC Part III examination by December 15, 2016.

- b. You may choose to delay participation in the 2016 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 2016 basic MOC by November 15, 2016. You will need to complete all the assignments by December 15, 2016 to maintain your basic certification status.

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Diplomate Status	Non-time limited	Time-limited MOC Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 in 2016	Time-limited MOC Year 6 in 2016
If I pass the 2016 subspecialty oral exam, do I need to participate in Basic MOC in 2016?	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 2016 subspecialty oral exam, do I need to take the 2016 MOC Part III written examination?	No	Not applicable in MOC Years 1-5. You may participate in the MOC pilot program	No
If I pass the 2016 subspecialty oral exam, what will my MOC year become?	2016 will be considered a voluntary certification year. 2017 will be your subspecialty MOC Year 1.	2016 will be considered a voluntary certification year. In 2017, your Basic MOC year will convert to subspecialty MOC Year 1.	2016 will be considered a voluntary certification year. In 2017, your Basic MOC year will convert to subspecialty MOC Year 1.
If I pass the subspecialty oral exam in 2016, when do I need to apply for MOC next?	2017	2017	2017
If I fail the subspecialty oral exam, do I need to participate in 2016 MOC?	No	Yes. You must apply for MOC by November 15 th and complete the basic MOC assignments by December 15 th .	Yes. You must apply for MOC by November 15 th and complete the basic MOC assignments by December 15 th . You may participate in the MOC pilot program and may qualify for an exemption from the Part III MOC examination
Am I required to apply for 2016 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.	No. You may choose to apply and 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.