

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### What is MOC Part IV?

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) was established in 2000 by the American Board of Medical Specialties. To maintain certification physicians must demonstrate ongoing learning and care improvement. The fourth component of MOC (MOC Part IV) concerns assessing and improving performance in practice.

### What is the scope of this MOC Part IV project on Adolescent Confidentiality?

The project's goal is to improve the delivery of confidential care to adolescent patients. The project involves two linked cycles of performance assessment and improvement, meeting MOC Part IV requirements for assessing and improving performance in practice. The [Adolescent Health Initiative \(AHI\)](#) oversees the project and is coordinating with [Michigan Medicine's MOC for Quality Improvement \(QI\) Program](#) to document for ABMS that the project meets requirements for MOC Part IV and to report an individual's participation through ABMS to the individual's specialty Board(s).

### Which ACGME/ABMS core competencies are addressed?

- Patient Care and Procedural Skills
- Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
- Professionalism
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills

### What is the specific aim of this QI effort?

The target for the three main performance measures is that 95% of adolescent patients seen for well visits within family medicine, pediatrics, medicine-pediatrics, or new patient visits in specialty clinics will have their physician (a) spend time alone with them, (b) explain minor consent laws to them, and (c) have them complete a confidential risk screening tool.

### What do providers measure as a part of this project?

Through chart reviews, providers record:

- Percent of adolescent patients who had confidential time with physician.
- Percent of adolescent patients to whom minor consent laws/rights were explained.
- Percent of adolescent patients who confidentially completed a standardized risk screening assessment.

### How many points will I receive?

The ABMS Boards recognizing participation in the project include:

- American Board of Family Medicine: 20 points
- American Board of Pediatrics: 25 Part IV points
- American Board of Internal Medicine: 30 Practice Assessment points

***Check with your individual certifying board to confirm requirements and deadlines.***

What’s the process to complete this MOC Part IV project?

The chart below outlines the one-year practice improvement project offered by AHI on Adolescent Confidentiality.

	<b>PLAN:</b>
<b>Month 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a retrospective chart review/baseline data measurement of previous 3 months (20 adolescent patients seen for well visits or new patient visits as appropriate)</li> </ul>
<b>Month 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and analyze the results of your chart review</li> <li>Design interventions to address gaps in confidentiality standards, and submit your plan to AHI</li> <li>Interventions implemented by end of month 2</li> </ul>
	<b>DO:</b>
<b>Months 3-5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-intervention measurement period</li> </ul>
	<b>CHECK:</b>
<b>Month 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete chart review of previous 3 months</li> </ul>
	<b>ADJUST/RE-PLAN:</b>
<b>Month 7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze chart review data, identify residual underlying causes, and make adjustments</li> <li>Submit revised plan to AHI</li> <li>New interventions implemented by end of month 7</li> </ul>
	<b>REDO:</b>
<b>Months 8-10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-intervention measurement period</li> </ul>
	<b>RECHECK:</b>
<b>Month 11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete chart review of previous 3 months</li> </ul>
	<b>READJUST PLAN:</b>
<b>Month 12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review post-adjustment results, identify underlying causes, and further likely adjustments</li> <li>Submit analysis to AHI</li> </ul>

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## When will I receive my points/what year will I be able to count them for?

Typically, an individual's MOC Part IV participation is recorded at the individual's specialty Board(s) four to six weeks following completion of participation. When individuals complete participation, AHI sends a list of those individuals to the MOC for QI Program. The MOC for QI program then sends an email message to the individuals with information to review and a link to an online form to attest to participation. After an individual provides that information, the MOC for QI Program forwards the individual's identifying information to ABMS, which forwards it to the individual's specialty Board(s). A Board records participation as occurring in the calendar month and year in which the individual completed participation. For this project, that is the calendar month and year in which the twelfth month of project participation occurs.

## What do I need to do?

- Complete chart reviews and enter results at months one, six and eleven
- Review and analyze chart review data, create a QI plan and complete two PDSA cycles

## What will AHI provide?

- Coaching and resources for the QI project
- Facilitation of a community of practice including other providers completing the same project
- Chart review/data collection reminders
- Submission of data and attestation

## Who should I contact with additional questions?

For additional questions about the MOC Part IV project, contact Kaleigh Cornelison, Lead Program Specialist at the Adolescent Health Initiative at [kaleighc@med.umich.edu](mailto:kaleighc@med.umich.edu) or 734-998-2034.

## Please note:

*"Individual Boards continue to evolve their requirements. Therefore, physicians starting the recertification process in a specialty in one year may have specific requirements that differ from requirements applying to physicians starting the recertification process in earlier or subsequent years. Also, physicians starting a new recertification cycle may find that their specialty Board's requirements have changed somewhat from the previous cycle. Physicians participating in a specialty Board's MOC program can check the requirements that currently apply to them by logging onto their personal account on the website of the Board."*

For more information visit: <http://www.med.umich.edu/moc-qi/about.html>