



Southern California Permanente Medical Group

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Dear Colleagues,

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) requires physicians to demonstrate competency in Quality Improvement (QI) in order to receive Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credit under the Performance in Practice Module (PPM) component. Competency is defined as having knowledge of QI methods and implementing them into practice. **One way to meet the competency requirement is by participating in newly designed QI Activity Workshops that are approved by SCPMG and ABIM.**

SCPMG's QI Activity Workshops are approved by ABIM based on our history of successful improvement projects with measurable data, such as: Clinical Strategic Goals, chart reviews, patient surveys, implementation of initiatives, monitoring the changes, and patient care outcomes. In addition, SCPMG agreed to ABIM policies and procedures for managing QI Activity Workshops.

Participating in an SCPMG QI Activity Workshop gives you the opportunity to dialogue and learn from your colleagues, as well as earn credit based on your day-to-day work. By participating in an SCPMG QI Activity Workshop, you are eligible to earn MOC credit for the Performance in Practice Module based on:

- your level of activity and participation in an SCPMG PPM Activity and,
- your level of activity in other QI initiatives in your local area

To qualify for MOC credit for the Performance in Practice Module through an SCPMG QI activity, physicians must meet ABIM participation requirements, which include:

- Paying your ABIM fees online at www.abim.org prior to attending the workshop
- Completing the ABIM Physician Participation Attestation in a SCPMG QI Activity Workshop (2 hours) at any time within their 10-year cycle.

Upon successful completion of the tasks listed above, the ABIM will update your record to indicate that you have met the Performance in Practice Module's QI participation requirements.

We hope that you will take advantage of this valuable opportunity. SCPMG QI Activity Workshops are presently being scheduled throughout the SCPMG region. Visit the SCPMG Online Learning portal www.scpmglearning.org to sign up and register.

Sincerely,

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