ABOS MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC) PROCESS SURVEY

612  AAOS FELLOWS RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY
14  STATES REPRESENTED IN THE SURVEY RESULTS

Survey Results:

The six core areas most valuable in meeting the goals of demonstrating life-long learning and clinical competency were:
1. Continuing Medical Education – Category 1 Hours – 62.28%
2. Self-Assessment Examination Hours – 14.21%
3. Written or Oral Exam Every 10 Years – 8.46%
4. Querying of Colleagues – 8.11%
5. Case Collection – 5.05%
6. Querying of Hospital Administration – 1.89%

The six core areas most onerous in meeting the goals of demonstrating life-long learning and clinical competency were:
1. Written or Oral Exam Every 10 Years – 50.00%
2. Case Collection – 30.20%
3. Continuing Medical Education – Category 1 Hours – 10.15%
4. Querying of Hospital Administration – 4.26%
5. Self-Assessment Examination Hours – 3.31%
6. Querying of Colleagues – 2.08%

Only 3.61% of respondents agree that the written exam is sufficiently specialty specific. 49.59% strongly disagree or disagree with this statement.

Only 3.77% of respondents agree that the written exam is clinically relevant. 44.92% strongly disagree or disagree with this statement.
37.33% of respondents agree or strongly agree that the oral exam is more representative of their clinical practice than the written exam. 23.69% disagree or strongly disagree with this statement.

86.53% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they would support the option of increased CME and Self Assessment requirements in lieu of the Written or Oral Pathway.

Addendum A – Comments from Respondents.
Please view Attachment A for specific comments from Survey Respondents

Demographic of Respondents: Practice Type
Solo/Group Practice 39.87%
Large Private Practice 29.74%
Academic 18.63%
Foundation Employed 2.61%
Non-Operative Surgeons 0.65%
Military 0.49%
Other: 7.84%

Required to take the MOC: 88.84%

States represented in the Survey:
California New Jersey
Connecticut North Carolina
Delaware Ohio
Iowa Pennsylvania
Massachusetts Rhode Island
Minnesota Texas
Montana West Virginia

Survey Results as of: August 11, 2016