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ABIM’s Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA®)

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Introducing…

LONGITUDINAL KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT

Maintain board certification at a speed that works for you

Embrace the freedom of flexibility. Define your road to success.
How We Got Here

- Customer Experience
- Society Meetings
- Social Media
- Feedback Form
- Surveys
- Insights Network
- Physician Advisory Panel
- User Testing
- Online Discussions
- Beta Test
- 1 on 1 Interviews
- LKA Subcommittee
- How We Got Here
# LKA Rollout Schedule

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*Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment won’t be available in certain specialties (Adult Congenital Heart Disease, Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology and Transplant Hepatology) because there are fewer physicians maintaining certification in these highly specialized areas. Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology will not be available at launch and will be re-evaluated for 2024. In Cardiovascular Disease, Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology the ABIM/ACC Collaborative Maintenance Pathway will be available. All diplomates will continue to have the traditional, 10-year MOC exam available.*
Enrollment opens for all 2023 ABIM MOC assessments

Second quarter begins

Last day to enroll in LKA
Second quarter ends and unopened questions expire
**Key Features**

- **No appointment necessary!**
  Once enrolled, just sign in to your ABIM Physician Portal to access your LKA dashboard and answer questions.

- **Four minutes per question, answer any place or time**
  With a bank of 30 extra minutes you can use each year if you need more time.

- **Provides immediate feedback, rationales, references**

- **Participation Requirement:**
  120 questions offered per year*
  Open at least 500 out of 600 questions over 5 years

- **Physicians can start engaging in the year in which their assessment is due**

- **Access any resources used in practice**
  Except another person

- **Earn 0.2 MOC points for each correct answer**

- **Performance Standard:** Feedback relative to standard will be provided, and a final score calculated at conclusion of 5 year cycle
You Will Earn MOC Points

In addition to helping you know and demonstrate you’re keeping your medical knowledge current, participating in the LKA has another great feature: you’ll earn MOC points for every question you answer correctly. Here’s how it works:

**Step 1**
Answer a question **correctly**

**Step 2**
Earn **0.2 MOC points**

**Step 3**
 Seriously, that’s it!

**HOW MANY POINTS CAN BE EARNED?**

You’ll be offered 600 questions per 5-year assessment cycle, so over time you could potentially meet your MOC point requirement through LKA participation alone. Points you’ve earned will be awarded and added to your personalized ABIM Physician Portal quarterly.
THE LKA 5-YEAR CYCLE

Questions
RECEIVE QUARTERLY

- 30 questions released each quarter, earn 0.2 MOC points for each correct answer.
- Open at least 500 out of 600 questions over 5 years to meet the Participation Requirement.
- No appointment necessary! Once you’re enrolled, just sign in to your ABIM Physician Portal to access your LKA dashboard and answer questions. Enrollment for the 2022 cycle opens 12/1/21.

Feedback
RECEIVE PERIODICALLY

- Ongoing feedback including references and rationales.
- Updated score report on a quarterly basis after first year to help identify areas for future study.

Results
AT END OF CYCLE

- Final pass/fail decision made at the end of your 5-year cycle.
- Continue with the LKA or take the traditional, 10-year MOC exam to stay certified.
Personalized Dashboard

Overall Progress

48 of 600
Cycle Start

Completed 48 of a possible 600 questions
You are currently in Quarter 2, Year 1
The LKA is a 5 year cycle
A score report link will appear here after you have completed enough questions.

This Quarter's Progress

60%
Cycle End

60% Questions Answered
18 Question(s) Answered
12 Question(s) Remaining

You must finish your 12 remaining question(s) by 6/30/2023 in order to complete your quarter.
Time Remaining: 10 Hours 7 Minutes

This Week's Tasks

Based on your settings, you have 1 weeks remaining. Your pacing plan recommends:

- You need to complete 12 question(s) by 6/30/2023
- Weekly Progress: 18 question(s) complete

According to your personalized assessment plan, this is the final week to complete all questions. Complete question(s) by 6/30/2023

Resources

Time Bank (annual)
Need more time with a question? Take it from your annual 30 minute time bank. Below is what you have left for this calendar year.
Learn More

28 Minutes Remaining
Life Happens (over five years)
Need a break? It's ok to bypass up to 100 questions over 5 years by simply not opening them. We will keep count of the questions you did not open below.
Learn More

0 Used
All board certified physicians can start participating in the LKA in their assessment due year (except those in a grace year).

You will be reported as “certified” throughout the five-year cycle as long as you are meeting the LKA Participation Requirement.

Can use the LKA to help them meet their MOC participation requirement in their assessment due year.

The LKA can be used to regain certification; however, because a decision on performance is not made until the end of the fifth year of participation, a physician will be reported as “Not Certified” until that time.
With the LKA you’re always engaging in an educational activity, and even if you don’t sit down and prepare ahead of time, you’re able to look things up if you need to. So far it seems like the LKA will help me stay on top of the latest guidelines and stay current, as opposed to cramming for an assessment every 10 years where I might not remember everything I learned.

2012. So, when 2022 came around it was time for me to decide if I should do the longform again, or try the new Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA™). I know a few people who had already enrolled in the LKA and they said they thought the questions were fair and the platform easy to use, so I thought I’d give it a chance.

It was much better than I expected. I just started with a few questions at first...almost like dipping your toe in the water...once I found it wasn’t so bad I then blocked out 2-3 hours in a quiet place to answer the rest of the questions.
Meet two concurrent requirements:
100 MOC points every five years + assessment
How LKA Participation Fulfills ABIM’s MOC Requirements

Earn MOC points every two years
Diplomates earn 0.2 MOC points for every correct answer

Earn 100 MOC points every five years
Diplomates can earn up to 24 MOC points per certificate, per year

Pass an assessment
Pass/fail decision made at end of five-year LKA cycle
The Traditional, 10-Year MOC Exam Remains Available

**Infectious Disease Dates:**

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<td><strong>Fall 2023:</strong> Nov. 1, 2023</td>
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In light of the ongoing pandemic, ABIM has increased program flexibility:

- Physicians certified in Critical Care Medicine, Infectious Disease, Hospital Medicine and Pulmonary Disease will have an additional year to complete requirements through 2023.

- Anyone currently in the grace period in these disciplines has also been given until 2023 to meet their assessment requirement.

- Sign in to your personalized Physician Portal at ABIM.org to check for any upcoming deadlines.
ABIM’s Updated Fees for 2022

Examples of savings for physicians choosing the LKA over a 10-year period – (does not reflect a 5% discount if paid in advance):

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New ABIM Physician Portal App is Now Available

Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera to download app.

Apple App Store  Google Play Store

Download on the App Store  GET IT ON Google Play
Learn More at ABIM.org/LKA

Take a Tour of the Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA™) launching in 2022

The LKA is designed with your personal and professional needs in mind: greater flexibility, more convenience, and faster feedback. Watch the LKA platform tour video for a sneak peek.
Questions?

Sign into your personalized ABIM Physician Portal at www.ABIM.org

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Email ABIM at request@abim.org
Thank you