

# ABIM's Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA<sup>®</sup>)

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## Introducing...



Maintain board certification at a speed that works for you

Embrace the freedom of flexibility. Define your road to success.

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# **LKA Rollout Schedule**

#### 2022

Cardiovascular Disease Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism Gastroenterology Geriatric Medicine Hematology Hospice and Palliative Medicine Internal Medicine Interventional Cardiology Medical Oncology Nephrology Rheumatology Sleep Medicine

#### 2023

Critical Care Medicine Infectious Disease

Pulmonary Disease

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.

## **Important Dates**





Enrollment opens for all 2023 ABIM MOC assessments

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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



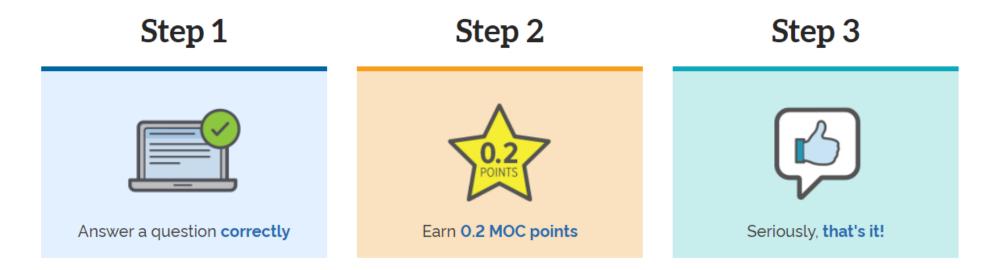
Earn 0.2 MOC points for each correct answer



Performance Standard: Feedback relative to standard will be provided, and a final score calculated at conclusion of 5 year cycle

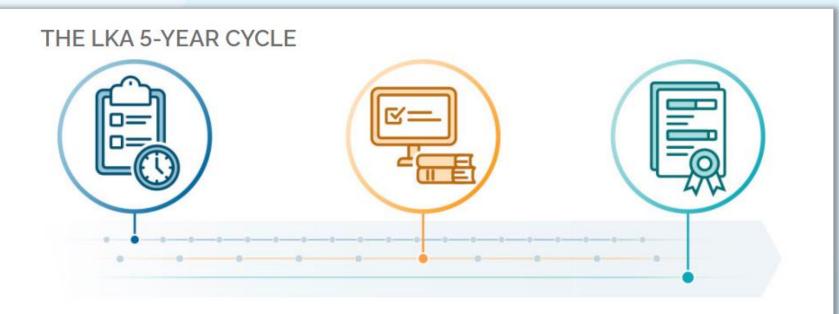
## You Will Earn MOC Points

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:



### 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.



#### Questions RECEIVE QUARTERLY

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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

Ongoing feedback including references and rationales.

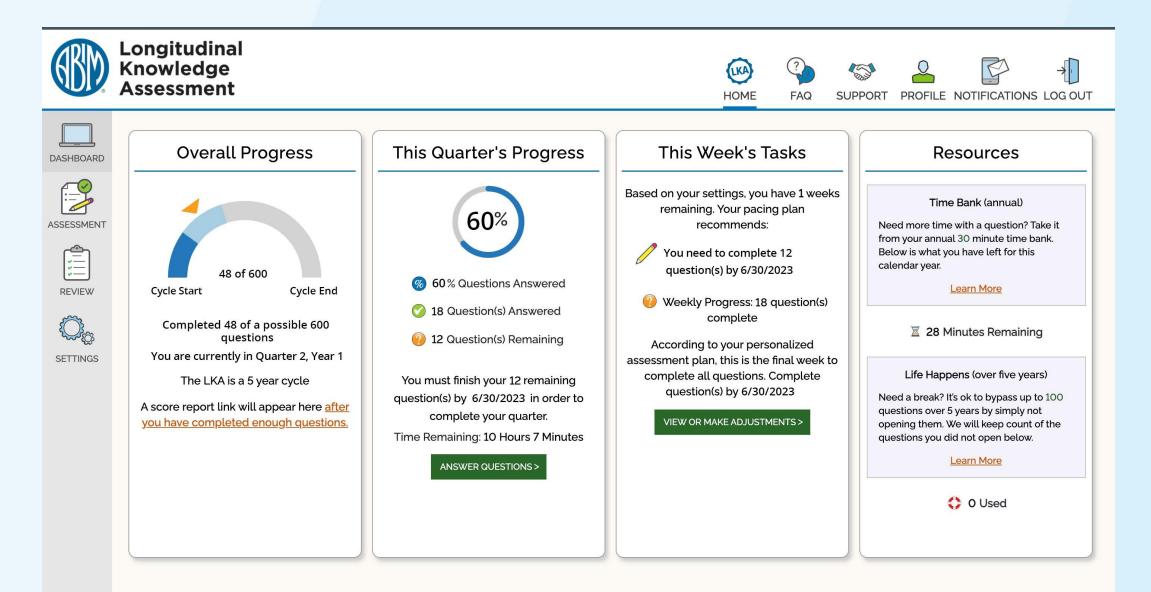
Updated score report on a quarterly basis after first year to help identify areas for future study.

## Results

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**



# **Eligibility**

## **CURRENTLY CERTIFIED**



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## 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.

## LAPSED CERTIFICATE

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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.

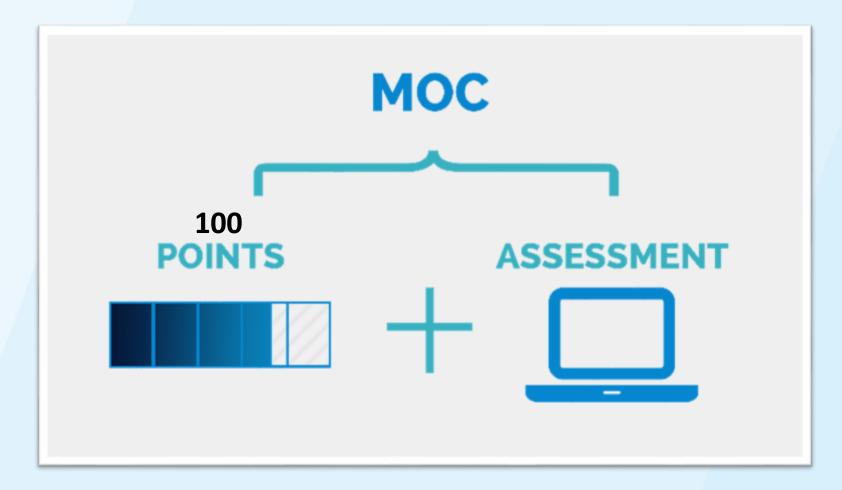


With the LKA you're always engaging in an educational activity, and even if you don't sit down and prepare ahead of time, you're able to look things up if you need to. So far it seems like the LKA will help me stay on top of the latest guidelines and stay current, as opposed to cramming for an assessment 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<sup>TM</sup>). 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.

# **ABIM's Maintenance of Certification Program**



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:**

MOC EXAM DATE OPTIONS

Spring 2023: Apr. 20, 2023

REGISTRATION DATES

Dec. 1, 2022 through Feb. 28, 2023

Fall 2023: Nov. 1, 2023

Dec. 1, 2022 through Aug. 15, 2023

# **Important Updates About MOC Requirements**

In light of the ongoing pandemic, ABIM has increased program flexibility:

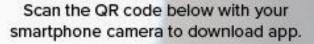
- Physicians certified in Critical Care Medicine, Infectious Disease, Hospital Medicine and Pulmonary Disease will have an additional year to complete requirements through 2023.
  - Anyone currently in the grace period in these disciplines has also been given until 2023 to meet their assessment requirement.
- 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):

	MOC FEES	SAVINGS
Internal Medicine Physician with one certificate	\$2,200	\$100
Subspecialist with one certificate	\$2,200	\$650
Internal medicine physician also maintaining a subspecialty certificate	\$3,400	\$100
Physician with two subspecialty certificates	\$3,400	\$650

## New ABIM Physician Portal App is Now Available









**Google Play Store** 



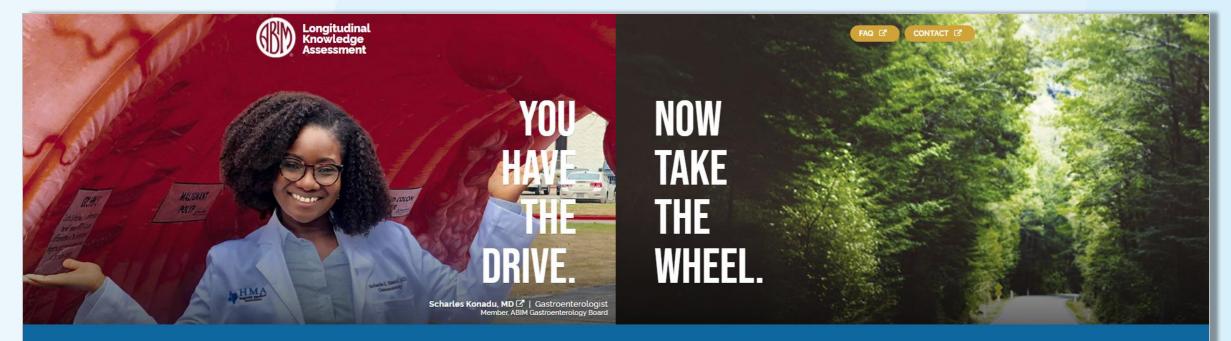


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# Learn More at ABIM.org/LKA



#### 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.





# Sign into your personalized ABIM Physician Portal at <u>www.ABIM.org</u>

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# Thank you



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