

Select Your Programs to Meet Your Maintenance of Certification Needs

Competency Labels Target Learning

Each ASCP educational activity is labeled with one or more icons, indicating the competency area addressed in the session's content. This labeling can help you develop an educational plan and build knowledge/skills across the competency areas.

Definitions

PC	Patient Care - a satisfactory level of diagnostic competence and the ability to provide appropriate and effective care in the context of pathology services.
MK	Medical Knowledge - knowledge about established and evolving biomedical, clinical, and cognate (e.g., epidemiological and social-behavioral) sciences and the application of this knowledge to pathology.
PBL	Practice-Based Learning and Improvement - the ability to investigate and evaluate his/her diagnostic and consultative practices, appraise and assimilate scientific evidence, and improve individual care practices.
ICS	Interpersonal and Communication Skills - interpersonal and communication skills that result in effective relationships, information exchange and learning with other health care providers, patients, and patients' families.
PR	Professionalism - a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities, adherence to ethical principles, and sensitivity to a diverse patient population.
SBP	Systems-Based Practice - an awareness and responsiveness to the larger context and systems of health care and the ability to call on system resources to provide pathology services that are of optimal value.

Maintenance of Certification and Physician Competencies

The American Board of Pathology (ABP) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program is designed to assist pathologists in maintaining standards necessary to provide quality care in their chosen specialty throughout their careers. Diplomates receiving board certification after January 1, 2006 participate in this program. MOC Part II (life-long learning and self-assessment) requires that each diplomate obtain an average of 35 Category 1 CME credits per year for each two-year period in the MOC cycle. ASCP Teleconferences can be applied toward this requirement.

ASCP is committed to helping pathologists meet their life-long learning requirements. Our CME activities address learning needs across the six physician competency areas adopted by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). These six competencies are essential for all practicing pathologists, in addition to all residents.