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Maintenance of Certification with the ABIM: Changes for 2022 and Beyond

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On the recommendation of
Professor Mango, the National Mango Board
and the mango industry, Mango University has conferred upon



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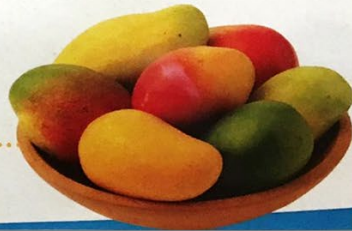
the degree of

MASTER OF MANGOS

This graduate has gained the skills needed
to increase mango sales through better
handling and customer education

So it is declared on September 26, 2016

Sellmore Mango
Professor Sellmore Mango, PhD



Why Maintain Certification with the ABIM?

Universal Life Church - Official Site - Est. 1977



Become an Ordained Minister

Get Ordained Online, Officiate A Wedding



Get Legally Ordained to PERFORM WEDDINGS

Everyday Universal Life Church ministers perform thousands of legal weddings, baptisms, funerals, and even operate their own churches! If you are wondering how to become an ordained minister, you've come to the right place. Utilizing the ULC's instant online ordination platform, anyone who feels so-called can become a minister within seconds.

- Perform Weddings 100% Legally
- Ordination is Fast, Free, & Easy
- No Experience Necessary
- All Are Welcome

Over 20 million people around the world have already chosen to get ordained online with the Universal Life Church; over the last few decades it has become one of Earth's largest and most active religious organizations. The Monastery has only two tenets: 1. Do only that which is right, and 2. All should be free to worship as they see fit. Get ordained online today and join the Universal Life Church's global family!

Once Ordained, Get Your Minister Certification



Instant Ordination

Full Name

Email

State Country

Select a state... United States

Password

Confirm Password

Get Ordained Now *

Notable ULC Ministers



Conan O'Brien



Kathy Griffin



Sir Ian McKellen



Joan Rivers



Bryan Cranston



Johnny Carson



Richard Branson



Rob Dyrdek

Why Maintain Certification with the ABIM?

- Maintain expertise and discipline acumen
- Lifelong learning
- Ambassador to the public for the importance of standards and medical science.
- Employability and other financial incentives*.

**However, we also recognize that certification status is not the only indicator of a physician's quality, and it has been our policy for decades that it is not appropriate to grant or deny privileges solely based on certification status.*

-ABMS Statement June 5, 2019

Addressing Medical Misinformation



SILENT KILLERS

Going viral? How COVID-19 turbocharged snake oil and quackery

Attempts to fight back against health 'infodemic' have been hampered by the lack of money and access to data.

KFF

Filling the need for trusted information on national health issues

COVID-19 Misinformation is Ubiquitous: 78% of the Public Believes or is Unsure About At Least One False Statement, and Nearly a Third Believe At Least Four of Eight False Statements Tested



ART BY ALYSSA KIEFER

The Big Business of Medical Misinformation

Fake news is generating millions of real dollars.

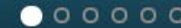
MarketWatch

Facebook flags disinformation campaign that used a fictitious scientist to spread unfounded COVID claims



JOINT STATEMENT ON DISSEMINATION OF MISINFORMATION

[COVID-19 UPDATES >](#)




[PHYSICIAN PORTAL](#) >


[CHECK A PHYSICIAN'S
CERTIFICATION](#)


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False or Inaccurate Medical Information

"While ABIM recognizes the importance of legitimate scientific debate, physicians have an ethical and professional responsibility to provide information that is factual, scientifically grounded, and consensus driven. Providing false or inaccurate information to patients or the public is unprofessional and unethical, and violates the trust that the profession of medicine and the public have in ABIM Board Certification. Therefore, such conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary sanctions."

"I want to state unequivocally that ABIM can and does take action, independent of state licensing boards, to remove certification from physicians for unprofessional and unethical behavior. The procedures are spelled out in [ABIM's Disciplinary Sanctions and Appeals policy](#)."

At the most recent ABIM Board of Directors meeting in October the Board discussed how it can support Board Certified physicians who are continuing to provide the most timely and accurate information to their patients, especially during the pandemic. At the meeting a proposed clarification of [ABIM's Policies and Procedures](#) was unanimously passed.

MEDPAGE TODAY®

More Medical Boards Warn Against Spreading COVID Vax Falsehoods

— The American Boards of Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, and Pediatrics back FSMB's warning

by [Ryan Basen](#), Enterprise & Investigative Writer, MedPage Today September 10, 2021

Medscape

[News](#) > [Medscape Medical News](#)

Medical Boards: Docs Who Spread COVID Misinformation Put License at Risk

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HEALTH IT

3 medical panels support potentially revoking licenses of physicians who post vaccine misinformation

[Jackie Drees](#) - Thursday, September 9th, 2021 [Print](#) | [Email](#)

The Philadelphia Inquirer

These doctors and nurses share COVID-19 falsehoods. They can become misinformation superspreaders

What do you do when the people spreading misinformation are the health care workers people trust the most?

healthleaders

PHYSICIANS FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR CORONAVIRUS VACCINE MISINFORMATION

ANALYSIS | BY [CHRISTOPHER CHENEY](#) | SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Modern
Healthcare

Doctors risk losing certification for spreading COVID-19 vaccine misinformation

TARA BANNOW [Twitter](#) [Email](#)

Colorado HB 22-1015 - Off-label Use Of Approved Drugs To Treat COVID-19

Link: <https://track.govhawk.com/public/bills/1556776>

Introduced: 1/12/22

Summary: A re-introduction of a bill from the previous session (CO HB 21-1202), allows prescribers (physicians, PAs, APRNs) to prescribe and pharmacists to dispense FDA-approved drugs for off-label use, including hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin, with the informed consent of patients, and without confirmed exposure to a coronavirus. Further, the bill prohibits licensing boards from taking administrative or disciplinary action against a prescriber or pharmacist for these actions.

The Legislative Backlash

Idaho H 434 & H 433 – Occupational Licensing

Link: <https://track.govhawk.com/public/bills/1535100> & <https://track.govhawk.com/public/bills/1535099>

Introduced: 11/15/21

Summary: Prohibits licensing authorities from revoking, suspending, or taking actions against a physician's, PA's, (and APRN's, in H 434) license for prescribing drugs not approved by the FDA to treat Covid, so long as they have "exercised independent medical judgment."

Mississippi HB 861 - Health care practitioners; have right and freedom to publicly discuss treatment methods...

Link: <https://track.govhawk.com/public/bills/1561389>

Introduced: 1/17/22

Summary: Prohibits licensing boards from punishing healthcare practitioners for their "publicly discuss[ing], whether in person, in writing or online, the methods, resources, technology and medications that they use or have used for the treatment and care of their patients.

Introducing...



Suresh Nair, MD
Medical Oncologist
Member, ABIM Medical Oncology Board

LONGITUDINAL KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT

Maintain board certification at a speed that works for you

What is Innovation?



Informed by Physician Feedback



LKA Rollout Schedule

2022

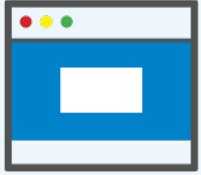
Cardiovascular Disease
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism
Gastroenterology
Geriatric Medicine
Hematology
Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Internal Medicine
Interventional Cardiology
Medical Oncology
Nephrology
Rheumatology
Sleep Medicine

2023

Critical Care Medicine
Hospital 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.

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

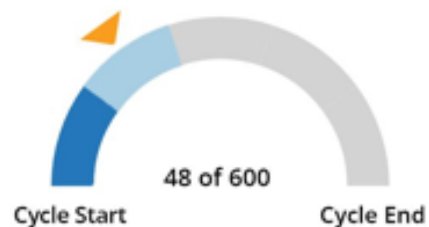
AT END OF CYCLE

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



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% 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

[ANSWER QUESTIONS >](#)

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

[VIEW OR MAKE ADJUSTMENTS >](#)

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](#)

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Eligibility

CURRENTLY CERTIFIED



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

CERTIFIED PRE-1990



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

LAPSED CERTIFICATE



The LKA **can be used to regain certification;** however, because a decision on performance is not made until the end of the 5th year of participation, a physician will be reported as **“Not Certified”** until that time.

Important Dates



Enrollment opened
for all 2022 ABIM
MOC assessments



First LKA questions
disseminated



First quarter ends
for LKA and unopened
questions expire

Social

You Retweeted



Thomas LeBlanc, MD, MA, MHS, FAAHPM, FASCO @tomle... · Jan 6

Recently enrolled in the new Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment from @ABIM instead of the traditional 10-year high-risk exam. What a breath of fresh air! It's self-paced, and I'm both reinforcing prior learnings and learning new things. Bravo on getting it right! #hapc



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David Steensma, MD @DavidSteensma · Jan 6

Replying to @tomleblancMD and @abim

Just did my first block of 30 LKA questions last night. So many were "test" questions! But agree, better than the stressful exam.



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Hemant S. Murthy MD @hemant_murthy · Jan 6

Replying to @tomleblancMD @Dr_AmerZeidan and @abim

High praise indeed. May have to take a look now!



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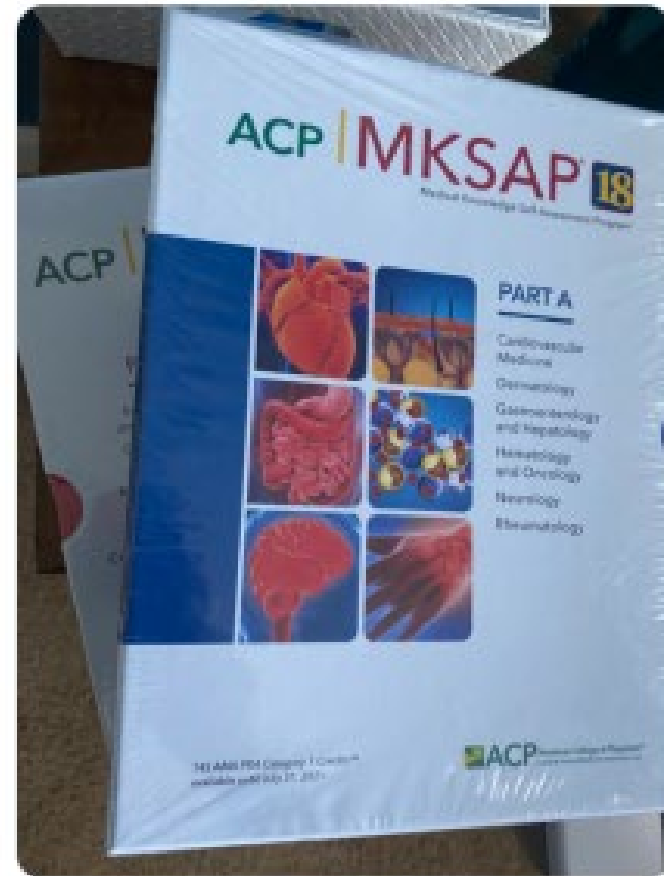


You Retweeted



Shar Saha MD FASN @sharsaha1 · Jan 4

Trying out the longitudinal assessment on the first day it's available. I hope MKSAP will save me. @ABIMcert #MedTwitter



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Social



ABIM @ABIMcert · Jan 7

Still thinking about the @ABIMCert LKA? See what other physicians are saying about it. Enrollment is open, and the first quarter's questions will be available until 3.31.22. Learn more at abim.org/lka and sign up through your Physician Portal.

“The Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA) is such a refreshing way of learning while maintaining my ABIM Board Certification. The LKA will help us know what we know, and know what we don't, so we can focus our educational efforts and immediately put that learning into practice. I was part of the initial planning committee for the ABIM Knowledge Check-In, and this is huge progress. Appreciate all you have done.”

Tulika Singh, MD, MHA, AAHIVS, FACP, FIDSA

ABIM Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease

ACP and 9 others



ABIM @ABIMcert · Jan 11

Thousands of physicians are already enrolled in the Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment and have started taking questions. Here's what one physician had to say about the experience. Learn more at abim.org/lka and enroll through your ABIM Physician Portal.

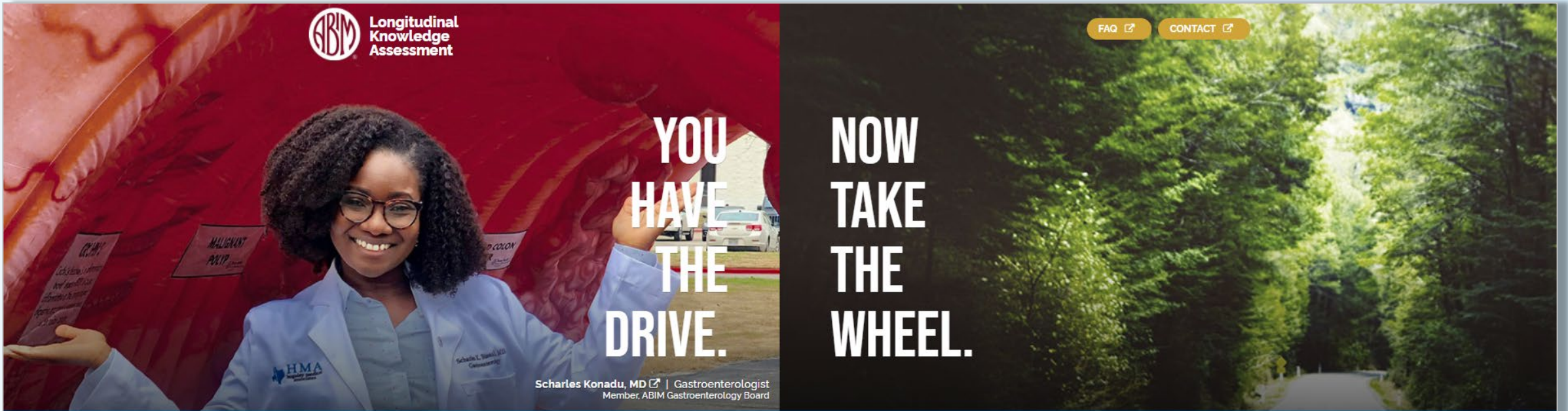
“I just had my first day with the LKA. Eureka! ABIM found the right way for its diplomates to learn Internal Medicine and become knowledgeable physicians with ongoing day to day learning. The admirable thing is that one has time after attempting the question to learn more about the topic using their preferred personal resources. My full support for the LKA!”

- From a Board Certified Internist participating in LKA

ACP and 9 others

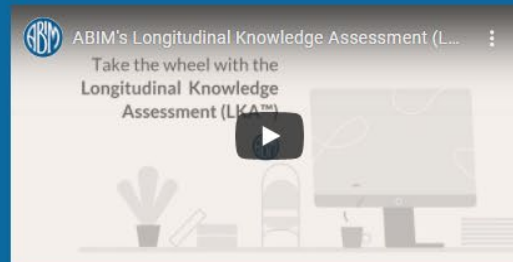


Learn more at abim.org/LKA



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?

Visit abim.org to view FAQs about program specifics or log into your Physician Portal to see your deadlines.

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