



# OSTEOPATHIC CONTINUOUS CERTIFICATION

2011 ACOI ANNUAL CONVENTION

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**PURPOSE: A METHOD FOR DOs TO  
MAINTAIN CURRENCY AND  
DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCY**

**GOAL: ENHANCE QUALITY OF CARE AND  
PROTECT THE PUBLIC**

**COMPOSED OF 5 COMPONENTS AND WILL  
REPLACE RECERTIFICATION**

# WHO WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE?

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ALL DIPLOMATES WITH TIME-LIMITED CERTIFICATES

ALL PHYSICIANS ONCE OCC IS LINKED TO MAINTENANCE OF LICENSURE

# COMPONENTS OF OCC

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AOA MEMBERSHIP

VALID/UNRESTRICTED MEDICAL STATE LICENSE

CME/LIFELONG LEARNING

PRACTICE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND  
IMPROVEMENT

COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT (SECURE EXAMINATION)\*

\*Board Review Course Must Be Completed Prior to Taking  
Secure Exam

# AOA MEMBERSHIP

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CONTINUOUS AOA MEMBERSHIP WILL BE  
REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN OCC

VALID AND UNRESTRICTED  
MEDICAL STATE LICENSE

# CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

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50 HOURS OF CME IN INTERNAL MEDICINE DURING  
EACH 3 YEAR AOA CYCLE

MAXIMUM OF 25 HOURS ACCEPTED FOR  
FOLLOWING: OSTEOPATHIC TEACHING, NON-  
OSTEOPATHIC IM CME CREDITS, HOME STUDY ON-  
LINE RESOURCES

MAXIMUM OF 5 HOURS FOR ACLS EACH 3 YEAR  
CYCLE

CREDITS WILL BE GRANTED FOR SELF-ASSESSMENT  
OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE AND PIMs

# STRUCTURE OF POINT SYSTEM REQUIREMENT FOR COMPLETION OF OCC

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100 POINTS REQUIRED DURING EACH 10 YEAR CYCLE

MINIMUM OF 20 POINTS MUST BE COMPLETED EACH 3 YEARS

SELF-EVALUATION OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE—MINIMUM 40 POINTS  
MAXIMUM 80 POINTS

30 POINTS OF SELF-EVALUATION MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE MUST BE IN  
AREA RELATED TO PRACTICE

ADDED QUALIFICATIONS—25 POINTS MUST BE IN AREA OF ADDED  
QUALIFICATIONS

# SELF-ASSESSMENT OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE

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GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE—ACOI  
SELF-ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS

SUBSPECIALTY--SUBSPECIALTY SOCIETY  
PROGRAMS (ACC, ASN, AGA, ETC.)

# REQUIRED POINTS WHEN HOLDING MORE THAN ONE CERTIFICATION

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100 POINTS TOTAL REQUIRED  
IRREGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF  
CERTIFICATIONS

BOARD REVIEW COURSE REQUIRED FOR  
EACH RECERTIFICATION

MAXIMUM OF 20 POINTS FOR BOARD  
REVIEW(S) CAN BE COUNTED TOWARD  
OCC

# SELF-EVALUATION OF PRACTICE PERFORMANCE

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EXAMPLES: AOA CAP, COMMUNICATION  
MODULE, PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING  
MODULE, SYSTEM-BASED PRACTICE MODULE,  
HOSPITAL-BASED PIM  
(e.g. ACUTE MI, COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED  
PNEUMONIA, ETC)

MIMIMUM OF 20 POINTS REQUIRED DURING  
EACH 10 YEAR CYCLE

MAXIMUM OF 60 POINTS EACH 10 YEAR CYCLE

# REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE NOT IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

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PRACTICE PERFORMANCE  
IMPROVEMENT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT WILL BE  
RELATED TO AREA OF WORK

# BOARD REVIEW COURSE

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20 POINTS WILL BE COUNTED TOWARD  
SELF-ASSESSMENT OF MEDICAL  
KNOWLEDGE

MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 2 YEARS  
PRIOR TO SECURE EXAMINATION

BOARD REVIEW COURSE IS REQUIRED FOR  
EACH RECERTIFICATION EXAM

# SECURE EXAMINATION

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PROCTORED EXAMINATION

MUST BE TAKEN DURING LAST 2 YEARS  
OF 10 YEAR CYCLE

NON-TIME LIMITED CERTIFICATES—  
EXAM REQUIRED FOR OCC?

# INITIAL ENTRY INTO OCC

## CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION

2013, 2014, 2015

2016, 2017, 2018

2019, 2020, 2021

2022 AND THEREAFTER

## REQUIREMENTS

COURSE/SECURE EXAM  
MUST PASS EXAM PRIOR TO  
2016

30 OCC POINTS  
BOARD REVIEW  
COURSE/SECURE EXAM

60 OCC POINTS  
BOARD REVIEW  
COURSE/SECURE EXAM

100 OCC POINTS  
BOARD REVIEW  
COURSE/SECURE EXAM