

ABMSTASK FORCES

ADVANCING PRACTICE TASK FORCE

Overview	<p>The Advancing Practice Task Force will engage specialty societies, the CME/CPD community, and other expert stakeholders to identify practice environmental changes necessary to support learning and improvement activities that produce data-driven advances in clinical practice. Conceptually, the Task Force will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Positive physician engagement in high-value improvement activity▪ Expansion of local opportunities for advancing care▪ Identification and development of methods, measures, and other feedback mechanisms to assess physician competence in practice-based learning and improvement and systems-based practice and to identify gaps in knowledge, skills, and performance▪ Development of a supportive infrastructure that minimizes burden and provides meaningful opportunity for physicians to assess and advance knowledge and skills that improve patient outcomes
Available stakeholder Positions	Four (4)
Expected duration	Deliverables and timelines to be developed in cooperation with the Commission Task Force Oversight Committee

INFORMATION AND DATA SHARING TASK FORCE

Overview	<p>This Task Force will develop processes and infrastructure to facilitate research and data collaboration between ABMS Member Boards and key stakeholders to inform future continuing certification assessments, requirements and standards that will facilitate the prioritization of specialty learning and improvement goals. The goals of these collaborations include studying the impact of continuing certification on diplomate professional development, changes in diplomate practice, and changes in patient outcomes. The Task Force will be comprised of members from the ABMS Member Boards Community and associate members with data initiatives or priorities, with collaborators facile with developing multi-institutional data governance agreements, combining data sets and building data warehousing capabilities.</p>
Available stakeholder positions	Four (4)
Expected duration	Deliverables and timelines to be developed in cooperation with the Commission Task Force Oversight Committee

PROFESSIONALISM TASK FORCE

Overview	The Professionalism Task Force will address the aspirational recommendation of the Commission that calls for ABMS and the ABMS Member Boards to “seek input from other stakeholder organizations to develop approaches to evaluate professionalism and professional standing while ensuring due process for the diplomate when questions of professionalism arise”. This recommendation recognizes that board certification is meant to be a higher standard than licensure, and, as such, should not be based on licensure alone, but should include regular assessments of professionalism (e.g. multisource feedback) that provide information and feedback to address accountability for behavior. In addition, the ABMS Member Boards are encouraged to develop more consistent processes and a set of standards regarding the effect of licensure status on certification.
Available stakeholder positions	Four (4)
Expected duration	Deliverables and timelines to be developed in cooperation with the Commission Task Force Oversight Committee

REMEDICATION TASK FORCE

Overview	While continuing to lead to a summative decision on specialty Board Certification status, future iterations of continuing certification are expected to incorporate formative opportunities to help diplomates identify and address gaps in knowledge or practice. The Commission recommendations charge the Member Boards with developing "early warning" systems to identify diplomates at risk before certificate revocation, as well as pathways for diplomates to regain a certificate after revocation (for lack of continuing certification participation or other reasons). This Task Force will define aspects and suggest a set of pathways for remediation of gaps prior to certificate loss, balancing specialty-specific practice differences with the avoidance of non-value-added variation in processes. It will also differentiate between pathways for re-entry after diplomate loss of certificate, based on the reason for certificate revocation, again with attention to specialty-specific practice differences while avoiding non-value-added inconsistencies in process.
Available stakeholder positions	Four (4)
Expected duration	Deliverables and timelines to be developed in cooperation with the Commission Task Force Oversight Committee