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Dear medical society partners,

There have been many changes at ABIM in the past year as we have begun an organization-wide effort to transform MOC in partnership with the internal medicine community. The work of *Assessment 2020* requires that we re-evaluate our product offerings as we evolve the MOC assessments; and that we deploy our staff and content expert resources in new and more efficient ways in order to maintain responsible stewardship of the physician fees that support the MOC program.

As part of this evolution, we have already compressed the life cycle of our medical knowledge self-assessments from three years to one year. This change will help us to keep the timely content of these modules current and accurate during their period of availability.

We are now taking steps to ensure that all of our new Annual Update modules will follow a consistent publication schedule from year to year. Until now, we have released the modules on a variable schedule each January through April. Starting in 2017, we will synchronize the availability of all Annual Update modules with the ABIM fiscal year, which begins in July. In addition, each new module will be named for the two calendar years it will span during its period of availability. The transition to this new schedule will look like this:

<u>Module</u>	<u>Publication date</u>	<u>Discontinuation date</u>
2016 Update	January–April 2016	June 30, 2017
2017–2018 Update	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2018

Going forward for every year that ABIM develops Annual Update modules in each discipline, each new module will be available from July 1 of its year of publication through the following June 30.

Our goal is that this change will be beneficial for diplomates and for our organizational partners, who will be able to count on the same publication date and period of availability for modules in all disciplines. We understand that this change potentially affects interactive learning sessions for ABIM modules conducted by societies at the annual meetings. However, the overwhelming majority of these sessions held in the spring have used modules released the previous year, which will not be affected. For societies holding interactive learning sessions at fall meetings, we are hopeful that the July 1 publication date will provide ample advanced preparation time to use the newest module at your meetings.

ABIM is committed to working with the societies to share any additional changes to our products and programs with you in order to help ensure mutual awareness and collaboration. Further, we are interested in hearing from you about how these changes may impact your organization and the physicians you serve. If you would like to share feedback or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [rbattaglia@abim.org](mailto:rbattaglia@abim.org) or to Eric McKeeby, Director of Community Engagement, at [emckeeby@abim.org](mailto:emckeeby@abim.org).

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping physicians stay current in knowledge and practice.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard G. Battaglia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Richard G. Battaglia, MD, FACP  
Chief Medical Officer