Dear Organizational Portfolio Sponsors:

No doubt you have heard about the ABIM announcement on February 3 announcing changes to their MOC Program. This major step provides ABIM an opportunity to restructure their program based on input from internist and the healthcare community. It clearly demonstrates that ABIM is serious about listening and improving their program.

Many of you have inquired about how this announcement will impact the Portfolio Program. Many of the expressed concerns about MOC relate to the relevance and burden of MOC requirements for busy practicing physicians. As you know, the Portfolio Program exists in large part because it is a mechanism for physicians to receive MOC credit for the meaningful, relevant work they do in their practices, on behalf of their patients, supported by your organizations. Our program benefits patients and your organizations by aligning organizational quality improvement activities designed to improve patient care with the expectation of continuous board certification. Your support of the physicians in your organizations helps minimize the burden of participation. Many of you have received positive comments from your physicians about the Portfolio Program.

ABIM diplomates will continue to receive MOC points for engaging in this work – the work that many of them are doing every day. My message to ABIM diplomates in your organizations: “You’re doing the work – why not get credit for it!”

I believe that the work you are doing – the successes and the opportunities you are identifying for ongoing evolution of your portfolios – will be helpful to the ABIM as they re-examine their system. In fact, ABIM has already asked us to participate in discussions to help them improve their MOC process. I know many of the other participating boards are looking to us for learnings that can enhance their MOC programs as well. Now more than ever, your work is valued.

Thank you for all the great work you do, on behalf of the public, your patients, your physicians, your organizations, and the ABMS.

With gratitude,

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