

**To ABMP Board of Directors**  
**ABMP Diplomate Transition into The ABR MOC Process**  
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**1. Background: ABR- ABMP relationship under the terms of agreement (July 2001):**

- ABMP diplomates may request ABR Letters of Certification Equivalence (LoCE).
- Receipt of the LoCE makes the ABMP diplomate eligible for the ABR MOC program.
- For the LoCE to be valid, the ABMP certification must be maintained.
- Upon recertification by the ABMP, diplomate may request a new ABR LoCE.
- The new LoCE will have the same 5 year duration as the ABMP recertification.

**2. Transition Plan for ABMP Diplomates Entering into the ABR MOC Process**

- ABMP diplomates with LoCEs may enter The ABR MOC Process upon application.
- During the 10-year MOC cycle, the diplomate must maintain ABMP diplomate status and a valid LoCE.
- Upon successful completion of the 10-year MOC process, the ABMP diplomate will be awarded an ABR certificate and placed in the listings of the American Board of Medical Specialties.
- All ABMP diplomates who want the LoCE are required to enroll in The ABR MOC process by 2006 after which date there will be no further opportunity for enrollment. (Note: Enrollment may be sooner.) This date is consistent with the original agreement (July 2006) after which no original ABMP certificates in traditional physics will be granted.
- During the period 2006 – 2015 (Dec 31), any diplomate who's ABMP certificate expires would be recertified by the ABMP and receive (upon request) a new LoCE with an expiration date matching the ABMP recert expiration date if it was before 2015.
- If the ABMP recertification takes place in the period 2011 to 2015, all LoCEs issued would all have an expiration date of 2015.
- In 2015, all ABMP diplomates would have completed a 10-year ABR MOC cycle and would be eligible for an ABR MOC certificate.
- The LoCE mechanism would terminate in 2015 (Dec 31).