

ABIM REQUIREMENT FOR EVALUATION -- medical knowledge and assessment

- A copy of the evaluation tool (e.g., multiple choice, fill in the blank, longer-form tests; written and shared responses, or other formative and summative content-relevant exercises)
- A **description of how the evaluation was conducted**, including what the **passing standard** is for that evaluation mechanism (e.g., score, correct written or shared responses, etc.)
- A **description** of the process by which **feedback was provided** to learners; and
- **Verification** that the learners successfully met the passing standards for the activity, i.e., met the specific score threshold.

EXAMPLE EVALUATION METHOD -- ABIM Part 2 requirements

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®) share the expectation that accredited providers evaluate the impact of their activities on learners' knowledge, strategies/skills, performance, and/or patient outcomes. The following examples of evaluation approaches have been compiled as a resource for accredited providers. These are only examples—and not an exhaustive list—of the methods that can be used by the accredited provider in CME that supports ABIM MOC. ABIM requirements for evaluation of live activities can be found in the [ABIM Medical Knowledge Assessment Recognition Program Guide](#). ACCME requirements related to evaluation can be found in [Criterion 11](#) of its Accreditation Criteria.

Important Tips:

- The accredited provider may choose to evaluate the activity at the session level or at the activity level. As well, the provider does not need to be limited to a single method of evaluation per activity. Combinations of approaches to evaluation may produce rich information about learner change.
- The accredited provider must be able to demonstrate that the learner has participated in/completed the evaluation (i.e. via scenarios below or some other method the provider uses) for the educational activity in order to submit the learner's participation data for the MOC CME activity.
- If the activity is selected for audit, the accredited provider will be asked to submit the evaluation mechanism, a description of how the evaluation was implemented and how feedback was provided to learners, and a list of the diplomates who met the passing standard.

Evaluation Mechanism	Evaluation Method	Passing Standard	Feedback Method
Case Discussion	Learners asked to share with each other and group how they would approach the case at various stages.	Learner actively participates in the conversation as judged by a group leader or observer.	The outcome of the case is shared.
Written responses	Learners write down what they have learned and indicate commitment to change or maintain an element of practice.	Learner writes a reflective statement and makes a commitment to change or maintain an element of practice.	Leader/facilitator summarizes what was discussed and best next steps for learners.
Audience response system	Learners select answers to questions using the ARS.	Learner attempts an acceptable number of questions. Threshold set by provider.	Answer to each question is shared in dialog or writing.
Quiz	Learners complete answers to a quiz during or after an activity.	Fraction of answers correct set by provider.	Best answer to each question is discussed or shared.
Table-top exercise	Learners write down next steps in an evolving case at various set points.	Learner writes a possible next step to each question.	Best practice at each step is discussed or shared after each set point.
Simulation	Learners demonstrate strategy/skill in a simulated setting – could be role-play or formal simulation lab.	Learner participates in simulation as judged by a facilitator or observer.	Best practice or technique is discussed and shared throughout, or at the conclusion of, the simulation.