



OCMS Is Pleased to Announce an Arrangement with MCMS (Rochester) to offer ABMS MOC Part IV credit to Physicians



Onondaga County Medical Society members may want to take advantage of this opportunity made available through one of our neighboring County Medical Societies. Read on for details and directions on how to participate in this program.

Monroe County Medical Society (MCMS) is pleased to announce that it has joined the American Board of Medical Specialties' Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program (Portfolio ProgramTM). Physicians across Upstate New York who are Board Certified by one of the 21 of 24 ABMS Member Boards participating in the Portfolio Program can now earn Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Improvement in Medical Practice (Part IV) credit for their involvement in Quality Improvement (QI) programs sponsored by MCMS.

As an ABMS Portfolio Program Sponsor, MCMS will provide meaningful QI project opportunities to physicians, bringing expertise of the Quality Collaborative and physician leadership oversight to the program. We will encourage physicians across Upstate New York to participate in projects developed by the MCMS Quality Collaborative, be innovative in their own project designs, or work collaboratively with other community partners, welcoming their feedback during the process to ensure they have input throughout.

The initial focus of the program by MCMS will be guideline implementation, working to increase awareness and establishment of a consistent, regional approach for the use of evidence-based clinical guidelines developed and maintained in the MCMS Quality Collaborative. MCMS anticipates that approximately 250 primary care physicians will participate in its first Rochester-based QI activity beginning January 2018, representing our community's two major health systems and many private practices. The activity will focus on two MCMS guidelines – Major Depressive Disorder (adult population) and Management of Asthma (pediatric population). Upon successful completion, Internal Medicine physicians will receive 20 Practice Assessment points, ABFM Family Medicine physicians will receive 1 module or 20 points (dependent on certification year) and Pediatricians will receive 1 Part IV activity or 25 points (dependent on certification year).

Additionally, certified Physician Assistants can now earn Category 1 PI-CME credit with NCCPA for participating in QI initiatives along with their physicians. Thanks to a collaborative agreement between NCCPA and the ABMS Multispecialty Portfolio Program, PAs can receive this high-value CME credit for participating in patient safety and performance improvement activities to improve the quality of patient care. These QI activities are equivalent to 30 CME credits. NCCPA makes this effort even more valuable by doubling the first 20 PI-CME credits earned during a PA's two-year CME cycle.

To get started on your own QI initiative, contact Nedra Keller at the Monroe County Medical Society via email: nkeller@mcms.org or phone: (585) 473-4072.

The Monroe County Medical Society Quality Collaborative is an initiative to promote the implementation of high quality health care in the seven county area including Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne and Yates counties. It strives to do this by working collaboratively with community partners to develop Community-wide guidelines that provide physicians with information, education and tools from evidence based medicine.