



APPLICATION FOR ABOS APPROVAL: PIM AS PRACTICE IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY

Key Criteria for ABOS approval:

1. Includes four basic components of practice improvement: measure, assess and educate, plan improvement and re-measure
2. Allows a diplomate to review outcome of treatment and/or performance data from his/her own practice collected over a relevant period of time defined by the sponsors or authors of the practice improvement activity.
3. Allows assessment of performance in practice for an orthopaedic topic, procedure, or diagnosis, and defines an appropriate time frame or volume of patient interaction to provide relevant information to assess performance.
4. Focuses on defined metrics. Options for assessment include clinical outcome, patient reported outcome, process improvement, or other quality improvement activity.
5. Includes a mechanism for the diplomate to receive performance data and apply the results to improvement in practice.
6. Includes a mechanism for assessing performance or comparing the diplomate’s performance with peers or relevant benchmarks, and educational resources to support performance in practice.

Question, Submit application and required documents electronically

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Application Deadlines: May 1 or November 1 for new applications

Approval process is 6 weeks; dependent on completeness of application.

Applicant Information

Application Date	
Applicant Organization	
Contact Name	
PIM Title	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Fax	
E-Mail Address	
Website	
Category 1 CME provider/contact	

A. Describe how this PIM satisfies requirements of the Maintenance of Certification process. Describe how proposed activity allows a diplomate to assess performance in practice in a specific orthopaedic specialty and topic/diagnosis. What is the specific orthopaedic topic/diagnosis identified in the proposal? Which specialties of orthopaedics are addressed? How does this activity improve outcomes?

B. Developers of PIM should be ABOS certified, approved by their specialty society to qualify as experts in the proposed activity.. Who developed the program? What are their credentials and current positions? Attach Bio-sketches for Project Leaders/Leaders highlighting experience and expertise relevant to quality improvement. Provide names, sub-specialties and associations of the faculty members responsible for developing the content of the activity.

C. Describe how proposed PIM allows a diplomate to review an aspect of their own practice.

Is this proposal for Full PIM, Abbreviated PIM or Focused case-list? What are the key elements being required in case list data collection? Include with this proposal specific instructions to be included on the abos.org website and a flow diagram showing steps for the activity.

D. Describe how proposed PIM allows a diplomate to compare their performance with their peers.

How is normative data collected and where is it stored? How are benchmarks developed? How is data analyzed? How are comparative outcomes communicated to diplomates Provide examples using tables, charts, graphs, or how performance data is presented. to participants.

E. Describe how a diplomate may obtain education about best practices.

Provide any available examples of tools provided to participant to develop an action plan to achieve the target improvement goals. Will there be cited literature as part of the feedback? How are normative data and benchmarks translated into educational resources applicable for a diplomate to obtain education about best practices? How will the diplomate obtain CME about best practices for specific topic/diagnosis?

F. Describe how proposed PIM assists a diplomate to develop and implement a plan to improve and reassess their performance at a later date?

Explain how this PIM offers practical assistance with the development of a self-directed plan for improvement to a diplomate. What is the method of communicating with a diplomate? Will there be printed guides, results or direct individual guidance? How is the diplomate advised to develop a plan to improve? How will the diplomate reassess individual performance? Will the diplomate be required to attest to completion of the education plan? What will be the method of attestation?

G. Proposed PIM measures and data collection tool should be field tested by representatives of the target audience who were not involved as staff or as developers of the measures or tools. Field testing should address feasibility of sampling size, feasibility of data collection, clinical relevance and comprehensibility. Field testers should provide meaningful feedback to developers in order to correct errors, clarify meaning and simplify the PIM process.

Describe field testing process, feedback and change to the PIM process based on findings from field testing

H. PIM Activity should be Category 1 CME approved utilizing appropriate language regarding credits and ABOS approval.

Name of CME provider of Category 1 CME? Attach verification of approval for Category 1 CME for this activity