

The CertLink® technology platform works at the intersection of assessment and learning to support physicians' ongoing professional development. CertLink, along with ABMS International assessment and consulting services comprise the ABMS Assessment Services offering from the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). ABMS is recognized for setting professional and educational standards for medical specialty practice and certifying physicians in 24 medical and surgical specialties.

#### **Program Advantages**

CertLink was originally created to support the development of longitudinal assessments for continuing certification of physician specialists. The assessments can be customized to a physician's practice to help identify areas for learning and link to professional improvement activities. CertLink offers a number of features for developing, delivering and managing other high-stakes and low-stakes assessment types.

- Secure web-based environment for item authoring, item banking and reporting
- Robust capabilities to define assessment properties, manage assessment forms and maintain item statistics
- Flexible assessment administration using a variety of item types
- Manage program performance information for analysis and improvement decisions

# Taking a longitudinal assessment with CertLink

When using CertLink, physicians are presented case-based questions at regular intervals, requiring them to apply what they previously learned and then build on that knowledge. After answering each question, physicians are provided with a critique that explains the answer, helps identify knowledge gaps, and offers resources for further study. Questions answered incorrectly trigger the system to repeat key information in new questions. This keeps learning dynamic and continuous, making knowledge easier to recall and apply to real-life situations.



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## What users are saying about CertLink...

### User-friendly and helpful for physicians

"We've gotten wonderful feedback from our diplomates. It's all been positive. I've heard things like: it's actually fun, l learned something, that it's really convenient, that I look up the references and it really helps improve my practice by expanding my medical knowledge."

Rebecca L. Johnson, MD, CEO, American Board of Pathology

#### Manageable within my daily life

"I think the format of periodic question with immediate feedback is the best way to fulfill the objective of lifelong learning and staying current with practices and knowledge. It is also much more manageable with the busy lives of most of us who at this point are working full time and balancing family and work demands."

Katie O'Reilly, MD

#### Keeps me updated and competent

"At least every 3 months you are asking me to check in and helping me to identify some areas I want to go and read more about. That is really the point of continuing certification, to keep us updated and competent to treat patients well."

Neelam Sandhu, MD



