



Update: ABVLM Curriculum Initiative - January 2015

Education is at the core of quality patient care. An important question is how best to assure that physicians obtain comprehensive training in venous and lymphatic disorders, so that good quality patient care is provided by clinicians educated in the field.

We have to acknowledge that no single existing specialty routinely provides a standardized curriculum covering all aspects of venous disease. Standardized training and education requires a curriculum, and a curriculum is built around an understanding of the contents of the field. With this in mind, the ABVLM embarked on a three-step collaborative, multi-specialty consensus process to establish educational standards for training in venous and lymphatic disease.

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Mark Meissner, MD: A Lifetime of Achievement

The American Board of Venous and Lymphatic Medicine (ABVLM) and the Phlebology Leadership Institute (PLI) are very pleased to announce they have awarded the first Venous and Lymphatic Medicine Lifetime Achievement Award to Mark H. Meissner, MD, for his many important contributions to the field in the areas of research and education, and for his visionary leadership and offerings to the specialty. The award was officially presented to Dr. Meissner during the 28th Annual Congress of the American College of Phlebology that was held this past November in Phoenix, Arizona.

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ABVLM Launches New Website, Improves Interface

In November 2014, the ABVLM launched a new website. This new portal is better organized by "audience type." Like the former site, you can enter your MOC educational requirements as well as make your annual MOC fee payment. Policies and other important aspects of your diplomate status are there as well.

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Board of Directors News

The ABVLM Board welcomes its newest Director, Keith M. Sterling, MD, FSIR and thanks former Directors Chieh-Min Fan, MD, FSIR and Craig F. Feied, MD, FACEP, FAAEM, FACPh for their service.

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2015 Annual MOC Update and Billing Sent

Annual Maintenance of Certification Contact Update and Invoices for 2015 were mailed in late March 2015. They are due on April 30, 2015. Learn more about these important documents.

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FUTURE SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

SVM 26th Annual Scientific Sessions
June 11-13, 2015
Baltimore, MD
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ACP 29th Annual Congress
November 12-15, 2015
Orlando, FL
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AVF 28th Annual Meeting
February 24-26, 2016
Orlando, FL
Program Information TBD

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April 2-7, 2016
Vancouver, BC
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MOC Program – Self-Assessment Module (SAM) Information

(Re-published by popular demand)

Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) are a hot topic in the world of medical certification these days. The ABVLM requires diplomates to earn only 4 hours of SAM credit every four years.

This article describes what is a SAM? Where can you find SAMs to take? How many SAM credits do you personally need, based on your certification year? And how do you record your SAMs?

Don't fall behind in your lifelong learning requirement for the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program. Read this now and know your options and requirements.

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