Update on ABMS International Activities

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• In 2009, Singapore identified ABMS as a potential partner to strengthen Singapore’s system of assessments and specifically to complement the new ACGME-I residency training programs.

• The ABMS/Singapore collaboration was formalized in 2012 at which time began the development of 12 specialty examinations, phased in over a 4-year period.

• Goals of the collaboration include:
  • Growing local expertise in examination development through development of Singapore specialty committees to work with ABMS to develop examinations from blueprinting to item writing to standard setting
  • Tailoring examinations to suit local needs rather than wholly importing US content
ABMS Singapore – Specialties

- Anesthesiology
- Radiology
- Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Otolaryngology

- OBGYN
- Pathology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
ABMS Singapore – Developing the Assessments
ABMS International – Potential Opportunities

• Consultation on design of certification programs for established certifying bodies
• Provision of test development services to support the creation of MCQ examinations
• Customized assessment workshops
  • Purposes of assessment
  • Exam design: blueprints classification schemes, and item bank development
  • Interpretation of tests and item statistics
  • Designing score reports
  • Understanding standard setting
  • Designing score reports
  • Item writing workshops
ABMS International – Challenges

• Needs of potential partners varies; difficult to build one program for use everywhere
• Building a certification program is expensive
• Underlying assumption is that ABMS-I certification will provide entry to US for fellowships
• Questions of reciprocity