Collaborative Maintenance Pathways and Society Partnerships
• Introduction
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• Brief overview
  o ABIM/ ASCO: Medical Oncology Learning & Assessment
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  o ABIM/ ACC Collaborative Maintenance Pathway
    ▪ William J. Oetgen, MD, MBA, FACC, FACP, Executive Vice President, Science & Quality, Education, and Publications, American College of Cardiology

• Panel Discussion: Partners in Collaboration:
  o Jamie Von Roenn, MD, FASCO
  o William J. Oetgen, MD, MBA, FACC, FACP
  o Helene M. Brooks

• Discussion/ Q&A
ABIM/ ASCO Medical Oncology: Learning & Assessment

• Every 2-year MOC assessment option

• Recognizes “specialization”:
  o 2020: Breast Cancer, Hematologic Malignancies and General Oncology
  o 2022: Lung Cancer and Gastrointestinal Cancers

• Medical Oncology Core questions

• Re-entry pathway through General Oncology module
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ABIM/ASCO: Responsibilities

• ABIM
  - Exam Administration
  - Test Assembly
  - Scoring, Equating, Analysis, Standard Setting

• ASCO
  - Item Development
  - Educational Materials

• Shared
  - Blueprint Development
  - Item Development for General Oncology
Eligibility: Diplomates certified in Cardiovascular Disease

ABIM-ACC Collaborative Maintenance Pathway (CMP)

- 5-year cycle
- Stepwise movement through cardiovascular disease blueprint
- Formative component based on Adult Clinical Cardiology Self-Assessment Program (ACCSAP)
## Blueprint Stepwise Model

### 5-Year Cycle Modeled on ACCSAP

Launch in 2019 with all updated content. User starts in 2020, completes 5 year cycle in 2024.

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How Do the Components Interact?

Annual formative requirements

- 7 hours of engagement
- 70% correct on self-assessment

Annual performance assessment on 20% of cardiovascular disease blueprint

- 60 performance questions
- 2 attempts (different forms)
Responsibilities

- ACC creates and administers assessment with insights from ABIM
- ABIM provides staff and governance oversight and audit
- ABIM remains the certifying body for diplomates

ACC:
- Item development
- Standard setting process
- Assessment delivery
- Scoring of assessment
- ADA accommodations

ABIM:
- Approval of standards
- Approval of blueprint
- Audit process
- Issuance of certification and certification decisions
Panel Discussion—Collaborating Effectively

What made the partnership work?

- Building support
- Owning each other’s issues
- Joint Steering Committees and work groups
- Legal documentation for mutual protections
Panel Discussion—Collaborating Effectively

ASCO: Building support
• Staff leadership
• Board of Directors
• Membership communication and input
  o MOC task force
• Ongoing communication
Panel Discussion—Collaborating Effectively

ACC: Building support

• Board of Trustees
  o Recognition of member need for ongoing education and certification
  o Recognition of challenges and limitations of 10-year examination cycle
  o Rejection of creation of a separate "Board"

• Board of Governors
  o General highly-vocal opposition fueled by anti-ABIM sentiment
  o Turning point – creation of a product that would be equally useful for all ACC members – those embracing ABIM MOC and those embracing other pathways

• High levels on ongoing communications
• ACCSAP uptake – year-to-date, higher that predicted
Panel Discussion—Collaborating Effectively

ABIM: Building support
- Staff leadership
- Governance:
  - Board of Directors
  - Council
  - Specialty Boards
  - Exam Committees
- Society leadership
- ABMS
- Ongoing communication with diplomate community
Panel Discussion—Collaborating Effectively

Owning each other’s issues made the partnership work:

• Open communication
• Active listening
• Building trust
• Identifying shared goals
• Regularly scheduled meetings / calls
• Jointly address and mitigate concerns
• Developed steering committees and work groups including staff from both organizations
Panel Discussion—Collaborating Effectively

Legal documentation for mutual protections:

• Clearly defined roles and responsibilities
• Business agreements to identify partnership intricacies
• Memorandums of Understanding
• Data Use Agreements
• Recognizing each other’s needs contractually
Questions and Answers
Summary: True Partners in Collaboration

- Build support internally and externally for collaborative work
- **Own each other’s issues**
  - Work together to mitigate and address concerns raised by governance and stakeholders of each organization
- Implement steering committees comprised of leadership from each organization
  - Provide guidance on key principles and objectives
  - Ensure alignment regarding roles, responsibilities, resources, key milestones
- Communicate frequently on operational issues
- Craft appropriate legal documentation to ensure partnership responsibilities are clearly noted
Thank you!