Focus on DR – the “new” MOC exam...coming soon
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Beginning in 2014, there will be several changes to the MOC examination. First, a new selection has been added to the practice-profiled portion of the examination – a general category. This category could be a good choice for candidates who do a “little bit of everything” in their practices.

Because of this addition, the ABR trustees thought that an examination that accommodated the wide variety of practice types that exist could be accomplished in three clinical practice areas, rather than the current four. Therefore, also beginning in 2014, a candidate will choose only three clinical practice areas in which to be examined.

As before, all three of these can be in the same area, three different areas, or a combination of two areas. If, however, a candidate chooses more than one module in a given area, he or she can expect that the first module will deal with primarily fundamental questions, while the second or third module in that category will consist predominantly of more advanced content.

To continue to have a psychometrically valid examination, the length of each module will increase: each will contain at least 60 scorable units. Clinically relevant physics questions and normals/normal variants will be included in every clinical practice module.

We also want to make certain that everyone is aware that a syllabus for the noninterpretive skills (NIS) module is available on the ABR website’s MOC study guides page (www.theabr.org/moc-dr-study). This module must be taken by all MOC examinees. All questions in the NIS module will be taken from this syllabus. For 2013, physics as it relates to the day-to-day practice of radiology is also included.

If you have any questions about these changes or the new NIS Syllabus, please contact the ABR by emailing abrmocp@theabr.org or calling (520) 519-2152.