

ABMQ certification exam : Do you have what it takes to pass?

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The American Board of Medical Quality (ABMQ) was initiated by ACMQ to serve as a testing and certification organization to augment the educational work of the College. In continuous operation since 2000, the Board offered in 2007 its first certification exam and credential, now referred to as Certification in Medical Quality (CMQ). Each year the exam is given at the end of the ACMQ annual meeting, conveniently for ACMQ members attending the meeting, and also at other locations during the year. Exam content includes basic quality metrics, but also has sections in informatics, ethics, economics and quality, patient safety, organizational design and utilization management. More than two hundred clinicians have now sat for, and passed, this exam.

More information can be found on the ABMQ web site at www.abmq.org. Additional specific information can be found in the 2015 Candidates Manual, which provides more information on exam times, question format, exam topics, and source materials used. ACMQ now requires passing this exam to receive the status of Fellow in the College, and has undertaken to connect the content of each year's national meeting and quality reviews with the general topics of the CMQ examination. Candidates taking the exam have consistently found the exam to be fair, to accurately reflect the values and body of knowledge the College has promoted and to be a useful credential to have on their resume. As a method of obtaining continuing education, validating one's career in the field of quality, and developing a useful credential for personal advancement, it can't be beat.

The 2015 examination will be given at the end of this year's ACMQ annual educational conference. Registration forms can be found online, or staff at the ABMQ office can assist you.