

## Virginia's current system of physician certification is broken.



Known as Maintenance of Certification (MOC), this evaluation was ostensibly designed to assess six medical competencies, and is administered to physicians every ten years. But there are several problems with this exam:

1. **MOC is monopolized.**
2. **MOC does not improve clinical outcomes.**
3. **MOC is burdensome.**

The system is broken for hardworking physicians, and a growing number of objections are being raised to remedy this unfair practice. Physicians across Virginia have had enough. And it's up to the legislature to fix it.

### **The General Assembly can fix it by supporting SB 982 and HB 1449**

**This bill will (1) provide hospitals and insurance companies another certification option, (2) save hospitals millions of dollars annually that they spend on MOC exams and (3) cost Virginia taxpayers absolutely nothing.** In response to the growing number of medical professionals unhappy with the ABMS monopoly, **the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons (NBPAS) was formed in 2015 to form another pathway for continuing board certification.**

**SB 982 and HB 1449 will create new opportunities for the maintenance phase of certification by accepting NBPAS requirements in addition to ABMS.**

### **ACT NOW!**

**The ABMS has spent millions of dollars to block legislation in over 30 states.** Virginia can do better by their medical professionals. Let's fix what's broken. **Take 5 minutes** and go to [www.vamocreform.org](http://www.vamocreform.org) There is a link to send emails to the legislators with the heading Call to Action – Legislators. **If you are able to testify, the Senate Committee meeting is January 24 at 8:30AM in Richmond. YOUR VOICE MATTERS. Please attend if you can.** Questions? Contact [support@vamocreform.org](mailto:support@vamocreform.org)