As we are approaching ABNM’s 50th anniversary, a new chapter opens for the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program by introducing CertLink® 2.0.

The CertLink pilot “soft launch” phase started in Jan 2018 and successfully transitioned to “hard lunch” in April 2018. The initial cohort of 200 for the soft lunch, increased to 534 diplomates in April 2018.

The CertLink pilot phase completed in January 2021 with 1054 diplomates’ participation. During the pilot phase there was ample amount of opportunities for feedback. The ABNM office launched multiple surveys at baseline, during the soft lunch and at the end of each year. Additionally, participants were able to submit feedback or support tickets as they progressed in the assessments. The ABNM office also received feedback via phone, email and face-to-face during national meetings at the ABNM booth. ABNM received a very positive feedback from participating diplomates indicating their satisfaction with CertLink. Survey results demonstrated 99% of respondents believed that CertLink questions were useful learning tools, 89% found questions helpful to stay current in the specialty, and 88% would recommend CertLink to a colleague. Overall assessment of participants’ feedback indicated that the longitudinal assessment provided a highly preferred alternative to the secure examination. Additionally, psychometric analysis of performance score distribution in CertLink revealed a similar passing rate to the MOC exam pass rates. Furthermore, performance on CertLink was also positively correlated to the performance on the initial certification and MOC examinations.

The ABNM also started an introduction to longitudinal assessments for trainees by launching CertLink-In-Training, which started later in the pilot phase.

In 2021, ABNM along with other participating members of ABMS is moving to a new platform called CertLink 2.0. Although very similar in design and functionality to the CertLink 1.0, the new platform offers enhanced and improved capabilities.

With transition still ongoing, we are looking forward to working with all diplomates to enhance their MOC experience for years to come.

![Cumulative Number of CertLink Participants](image)