

ABPath CertLink® (ABPCL) is an online program that supports learning and professional development. Successful participation and performance in ABPCL will satisfy the **Assessment of Knowledge, Judgement and Skills** requirement of the Continuing Certification (CC) program.

ABPCL leverages advances in technology to assess medical knowledge and judgment using a convenient, continuous, and dynamic program that incorporates learning into the assessment process for CC. The goal of ABPCL is to make assessment practical, meaningful, and relevant to your practice.

1. You will receive an email in January of the year *following* your initial certification with a link to set up a profile and customize your syllabus. Then you can begin answering questions.
 - a. Please be sure to keep your contact information current in your PATHway profile. **We recommend using a personal email address to which you will always have access.**
2. **Participation:** You will answer 10 new multiple-choice questions per quarter (every 3 months). Use a web browser on a laptop or desktop computer, or tablet (*no smartphones*).
 - a. You will have 5 minutes to answer each question and may use any resource except another person. Questions can be answered all in one session or in multiple sessions, but they must be answered by the end of the quarter.
 - b. You will receive immediate feedback on whether you answered the question correctly or incorrectly, a short narrative about the topic (Critique), and References. You will be able to provide feedback on each item.
 - c. If you answer a question incorrectly, after reading the Critique you will have a second chance to answer the question; this reinforces learning and retention.
 - In a later quarter, you will be given a clone of the original missed question to assess retention of knowledge. When a question that was originally answered incorrectly is correctly answered upon repeat testing, then the original miss will be cleared from the record. There will be no more than 5 clones per quarter, in addition to the 10 new questions.
3. **Performance:** You will have a personalized dashboard that summarizes your ongoing performance and identifies knowledge gaps. The expected performance standard for ABPCL is 60% correct or greater, cumulative over four years.
 - a. Diplomates can customize their assessment twice a year. Please see [ABPath CertLink - Getting Started](#) for information about assessment design options.
4. **CME Credits:** Through ASCP, you may claim CME credits each year of successful participation in ABPCL.

If you have any questions or need assistance with ABPCL, contact us at certlink@abpath.org.