



MOC Part IV Performance Improvement **PIP FAQs**

What is an AANEM Performance in Practice (PIP) activity?

AANEM Performance in Practice (PIP) activities are pre-packaged modules that guide you through a long-term quality improvement exercise applicable to your practice. The AANEM PIPs are designed to help you meet Part IV Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program requirements for both ABPN and ABPMR.

How do I conduct a PIP; What is the process?

There are two modules: a Clinical Module and a Feedback Module. Each is structured into three stages.

Stage One:

Assess your current performance using the specific performance measures outlined in the PIP. Then, set a specific target/goal for yourself. In the Clinical Module, you will complete a chart review of your own patient records. In the Feedback Module, you will solicit feedback from your patients or peers.

Stage Two:

Review the educational resources included in the PIP Toolkit and decide which variable(s) you'll change to reach your performance target/goal. You should implement specific change(s) over the course of at least 30 days and not more than 2 years.

Stage Three:

Reassess your performance, comparing your data to the same measures used in stage one. Did you achieve your performance goal?

Do I have to complete both the Clinical and Feedback Module of the PIP?

No. **ABPMR diplomates** can obtain PIP credit by completing the Clinical Module of any AANEM PIP. ABPMR does not require diplomates to complete the Feedback Module. **ABPN diplomates** enrolled in MOC may fulfill the PIP requirement by completing either the Clinical Module OR the Feedback Module.

Are PIPs designated for CME credit?

CME is designated for the Clinical Module of AANEM PIPs. PIP stages one and two are eligible for 5 CME. Completing all three stages is encouraged and designated for up to 20 CME. The Feedback Module is not designated for CME.

How is PIP credit reported?

If you complete an AANEM PIP, the AANEM will report PIP completion and PI CME credit to either ABPN or ABPMR on your behalf.

How do I report PIP completion to the AANEM?

Take a short survey with AANEM in order to report PIP completion, evaluate performance, and claim PI CME. A link to PIP Completion Surveys for each module is emailed to you once you purchase an AANEM PIP.

What documentation is required for PIP completion?

The AANEM evaluates depth of physician participation in PIPs by reviewing the PIP Completion Surveys noted above; no further documentation is required. However, the physician should maintain records from all implemented stages of each completed PIP module in case audited by their primary board.

How long does it take to complete a PIP; What is the required implementation period?

The AANEM requires a PIP implementation period of *at least 30 days* for each PIP module completed. This implementation period should not exceed 2 years. Plan accordingly! The time commitment to complete the chart reviews, review the Toolkit items, implement changes, and collect data varies by practitioner.