

What is your primary specialty

- Adult Rheumatology
- Pediatric Rheumatology
- Both Adult and Pediatric Rheumatology

What is your primary work setting

- Private practice
- Academia/University
- Government
- Industry/Pharmaceutical company
- Other (please specify)

In what state or U.S. territory do you practice?

Are you or have you ever been board certified in rheumatology?

- I am currently board certified and I participate in maintenance of certification (MOC)
- I am currently board certified but do not participate in maintenance of certification (MOC)
- I have been board certified in the past but do not maintain my certification through MOC programs
- I have never been board certified

When was the last time you took the maintenance of certification rheumatology board exam (MOC exam)?

- In the last year
- In the last 2 years
- In the last 3 years
- In the last 5 years
- In the last 7 years
- In the last 10 years
- More than 10 years ago
- Never

Are you required to participate in maintenance of certification (MOC) for rheumatology by your institution or practice, or by insurance companies?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Do you think there is significant additional value in maintenance of certification (MOC) in rheumatology, beyond what you already get from Continuing Medical Education activities (CME)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

In terms of improving patient care, do you believe board recertification and maintenance of certification (MOC) are valuable?

- Not at all valuable
- Not so valuable
- Somewhat valuable
- Very valuable
- Extremely valuable

What were the reasons for creating maintenance of certification (MOC) programs? Rank from 1 to 4 where 1 is the most likely reason and 4 the least likely reason

<input type="text"/>	Improving patient care
<input type="text"/>	Financial well-being of board-certifying organizations and their leadership team
<input type="text"/>	To satisfy administrative requirements in health systems for a measurement of professional competence
<input type="text"/>	To increase confidence among patients that physicians are maintaining their knowledge and competence

Do you believe earning board certification in rheumatology should be a life-long credential?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Do you favor legislation in your state/territory to remove maintenance of certification (MOC) as a requirement for employment, insurance reimbursement, or securing clinical privileges?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Which, if any, of the following do you perceive as negative impacts of requiring maintenance of certification (MOC) and board recertification exams? Check all that apply.

- Time away from providing patient care
- Time away from family
- Financial burden without proven benefit to patients
- Psychological stress
- Limiting patients access to care
- Other (please specify)

Which, if any, of the following do you perceive as positive impacts of requiring maintenance of certification (MOC) and board recertification exams? Check all that apply.

Staying current with new knowledge in rheumatology

Patient reassurance

Improved quality of patient care

Increased patient satisfaction

Increased number of referrals to your practice

Other (please specify)

Which of the following, if any, do you anticipate being an effect of requiring maintenance of certification (MOC) and board recertification exams? Check all that apply.

- Early physicians retirement
- Limiting patients access to care due to insurance restrictions
- Physician burnout
- Reducing the overall number of practicing rheumatologists in the US
- Improving the overall quality of practicing rheumatologists in the US
- Other (please specify)

Do you believe board certification in rheumatology should be administered or overseen by other independent organizations, such as the American College of Rheumatology (ACR)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Are you involved in basic, translational, or clinical research in rheumatology?

Yes

No

Do you believe maintenance of certification (MOC) is adversely affecting your ability to perform research or research related activities?

Yes

No

What is your age?

- 30 or younger
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70 or older

What is your gender?

Female

Male

Do you have any other relevant thoughts or comments?