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Maintenance of Testamur Status in Echocardiography (MOTE) FAQ's

What is Maintenance of Testamur status in Echocardiography (MOTE)?

MOTE is a user-friendly, lifelong learning platform for NBE Testamurs that promotes and supports personalized knowledge acquisition, assessment, and demonstration of proficiencies with minimal time commitment. Questions will focus on practical knowledge in echocardiography, typical of a general echocardiography practice.

MOTE represents NBE's transition from a static recertification exam every 10 years to a continuing maintenance of Testamur status available "on-demand" on mobile devices and desktop computers. Research has shown longitudinal assessment is the best way to maintain in-depth knowledge and proficiency in our specialty.

How do I get started?

MOTE is scheduled to launch in the summer of 2024. Once registration opens, applications will be available from your NBE user dashboard.

When am I required to enroll in MOTe?

Beginning in 2024, those who pass their initial examination must enroll and complete requirements for the MOTe program beginning in the following calendar year and each calendar year after.

Example: those who passed the NBE's Advanced PTEeXAM, Basic PTEeXAM, or ASCeXAM in July 2024 will be required to enter MOTe in 2025.

Can I enroll in MOTe if my Testamur status has expired?

Yes. There will be a one-time offered "grace period" for those who passed their last NBE exam 10 or more years ago to enroll in MOTe without having to retake the initial examination. Those who don't enroll in MOTe before December 31, 2027 will need to retake the initial exam to be considered "Maintaining Testamur status in Echocardiography".

Example: those who pass the NBE's Advanced PTEeXAM or ASCeXAM exams in 2014 or earlier will be required to enter MOTe in 2024, and begin paying a nominal fee of \$85 annually.

Am I required to enroll in MOTE if my Testamur status is not expiring this year?

No. For those who passed their last NBE examination between 2015 and 2023, enrollment in MOTE is not necessary to maintain Testamur status for the full 10-year duration post-exam period, consistent with what was expected at the time of registration for the exam. These individuals are encouraged to enroll in MOTE before their 10-year expiration date, and their participation in MOTE will be free-of-charge until 10 years lapse since passing their last exam.

Example: those who pass the 2019 NBE exams can voluntarily participate in MOTE from 2024 to 2028, but are required to enter MOTE and begin paying a nominal fee of \$85 annually beginning in 2029.

What is the cost of MOTE?

MOTE is \$85 per year due each January.

How many questions will there be?

- 48 total questions per year
- 12 questions per quarter
- Maximum 12 questions can be answered per day

Can I answer all 48 questions in the last quarter of the year?

MOCE was designed to be answered over time rather than all at once to promote continuous learning and knowledge retention. However, if you are behind and need to answer all 48 questions in the year's final quarter, you can only answer a maximum of 12 per day.

You must answer 48 MOCE questions annually by 11:59 p.m. EST on Dec. 31 and maintain a performance standard defined by a Measurement Decision Theory (MDT) value of ≥ 0.20 .

What is Measurement Decision Theory (MDT)?

Measurement Decision Theory (MDT) estimates the probability that candidates are keeping their knowledge up-to-date based on their pattern of responses to questions.

What if I do not answer all 48 questions in a year or do not maintain my MDT value ≥ 0.20 ?

A candidate not fulfilling the yearly requirements will receive “Probationary” status for the following year. Candidates who fail to enroll and fulfill the minimum requirements during the probationary year will be designated “Inactive” status the following year.

What if my status becomes “Inactive”?

Candidates designated “Inactive” MUST take and pass the initial exam again to become designated “Maintenance of Testamur status in Echocardiography”.