

Commission Hosts Second Member Meeting

Emphasizes Stakeholder Testimony and International Models of Physician Certification

[The Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future Commission](#) (Commission) hosted its second in-person meeting May 30 – June 1 in Denver. As at its first meeting in March, the Commission members heard testimony on continuing certification from a wide range of stakeholders from within the medical profession, including practicing physicians, medical associations, and professional societies, as well as those representing the public perspective. This meeting offered additional perspectives from professionals who use the credential, most specifically hospitals and health systems, and members of the credentialing community.

Presentations on best practices were shared regarding ways in which Member Boards and specialty societies are currently working together to support continuing certification for diplomates. An in-depth look at international models of physician certification was provided by leadership at the Foundation for the Advancement of International Medical Education and Research, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Speakers offered an overview of the processes currently in place (or soon to be launched) in the United Kingdom, European Union, Canada, and Australia. These presentation components of the meeting were open to the public and video streamed for all to view live.

Heading into its sixth month, the Commission will now focus on generating and refining a purpose statement and guiding principles for continuing certification. These principles will emphasize increased relevance to diplomates and their patients, in particular minimizing burden while assisting physicians in their professional commitment to lifelong learning and assessment.

As always, we appreciate your engagement in the Vision Initiative and the work of the Commission. To follow the Commission's progress, please visit the website for meeting information, updates, and opportunities for your [feedback and input](#). In addition, we encourage you to share this update with your colleagues so they too can become involved and participate in the process.

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