



ABPath CertLink® (ABPCL) is an online program that supports learning and professional development. 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 Continuing Certification. The goal of ABPCL is to make assessment practical, meaningful, and relevant to your practice.

1. You will receive an email on January 1st 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.
 - b. You will receive an invitation one month before your first set of questions with a request to complete a baseline survey. Please complete the survey before logging in to ABPCL for the first time.
2. You will answer 15 new multiple-choice questions per quarter (every 3 months). Use a web browser or mobile app 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 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 the item.
 - c. If you answered the 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. There will be no more than 10 clones per quarter, in addition to the 15 new questions.
3. You have a personalized dashboard which summarizes your ongoing performance and identifies knowledge gaps.
4. If you meet all ABPCL participation and performance requirements, it may be an alternative to taking the current CC exam at the end of your 10-year CC cycle.
5. Through ASCP, you may claim 5 CME/SAM credits per year (1.25 per quarter) of successful participation in ABPath CertLink.

If you have any questions or are interested in becoming an ABPath CertLink Item Writer, contact Kasey Davis, ABPath CertLink Coordinator, at kasey@abpath.org.