

Singapore Ministry of Health

Test Development

Assessment Support for Formative Training

The Singapore Ministry of Health (MOH) and the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) began a collaborative arrangement in 2012 to develop an assessment system for medical specialists who have completed training in ACGME-International programs in Singapore.

Through this relationship, the ABMS test development team worked with Singapore subject matter experts to create specialty specific, psychometrically valid multiple-choice question (MCQ) examinations for twelve specialties.

This arrangement allows Singapore to implement its system of certification, incorporating elements and standards of the ACGME and ABMS models. The standards are not only markers of professionalism for the physicians, but also provide a way to measure the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver quality care.

"This certification process complements our structured formative training and allows us to better assess the competencies of our residents, both during and after completion of training," said Mabel Yap, MD, Singapore Ministry of Health Director of Professional Training and Assessment Standards.

"Our collaboration with ABMS and its Member Boards builds upon Singapore's continuing efforts to enhance specialist training."

Mabel Yap, MD
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Services Provided

- ✓ Item writer training
- ✓ Test development and psychometric services
- ✓ Management and oversight of examination administrations
- ✓ Item bank management
- ✓ Processing of eligibility files
- ✓ Monitoring of candidate scheduling
- ✓ Resolution of test day irregularities
- ✓ Improvement of item and test form quality

