Continuous Knowledge Self-Assessment

You are about to begin the Continuous Knowledge Self-Assessment (CKSA) activity. This new certification activity can be used to meet your Self-Assessment and Lifelong Learning certification requirement, and will provide the opportunity for you to continuously assess your clinical knowledge throughout the year.

Continuous Knowledge Self-Assessment (CKSA), has been designed to help physicians identify their personal strengths and weaknesses with regard to medical knowledge and clinical decision-making within the framework of broad spectrum family medicine. There is no passing or failing for this activity. Although the CKSA is primarily intended to help family physicians identify gaps in their knowledge so that they can target subsequent continuing medical education on those areas, the exposure to clinical material is very likely to induce some learning as well. The manner of administration is intended to be both more user-friendly, as well as more continuous in nature.

Each year there will be 4 opportunities to complete the 3-month CKSA activity during each quarter of the year. The yearly quarters are January-March, April-June, July-September and October-December. Twenty-five (25) questions will be delivered to you each quarter of the year and can be answered at your own pace. Completing all 25 questions during the three-month quarter will provide 2.5 certification points that can be applied to your 50 certification points stage requirement, and completing all 25 questions for each of the 4 quarters throughout the year will result in a total of 10 certification points. Obtaining 10 points from the CKSA during a 3-year stage will satisfy the minimum of one (1) Knowledge Self-Assessment (KSA) requirement for that stage. By continuously participating in the CKSA throughout your entire 3-year certification stage, you can be awarded 30 certification points.

After completing 100 CKSA questions, you will receive a performance report summarizing your results by the certification examination blueprint categories, estimating your probability of passing the certification examination, and computing an index related to how accurate your confidence was with regard to the correctness of your answer. This feedback is contingent on your answering the questions to the best of your ability and without looking up the information or collaborating with colleagues.

Each multiple choice question in the CKSA will require a single best answer response. The correct answer will be provided after each question is answered along with a critique describing the rationale for the correct option. Questions must be answered in the order presented; physicians cannot work ahead. A comment feature will allow you to share your opinion on concepts relating to each question. You may start, stop, or resume the questions at any time during the 3-month period.