AMERICAN BOARD OF DERMATOLOGY

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FOR SELF ASSESSMENT (SA) PROGRAM
FOR MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION-DERMATOLOGY (MOC-D)

1. As part of the MOC-D program, each diplomate will be required to complete one ABD approved self assessment program of approximately 100 questions every 3 years over the 10-year maintenance of certification cycle. Approved self assessment programs of less than 100 questions may be added together to attain 100 points.

2. The self assessment programs may be developed and produced by any of the dermatologic specialty societies or other educational organizations, but must be approved in advance by the ABD.

3. The approval by the ABD will be based on the standards indicated below.

4. The specialty society or other educational organization producing the self assessment programs will be responsible for the production, presentation, scoring, and subject feedback for each examination.

5. The diplomate will be responsible for submitting proof of the successful completion of the self assessment programs to the ABD.

STANDARDS OF **SELF-ASSESSMENT (SA) PROGRAMS**
FOR APPROVAL BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF DERMATOLOGY (ABD)

1. The self assessment program should cover General Dermatology or a recognized segment of Dermatology e.g. Medical Dermatology, Dermatologic Surgery, Dermatopathology, Basic Science, Pediatric Dermatology, Contact Dermatitis etc.

2. The program can be administered in various ways such as the following: computer based (administered via Internet or CD-ROM), or it can be a paper and pencil examination, with the answer sheet mailed in.

3. An examination module should be at least 100 questions in length. Smaller modules of 25, 50, and 75 questions may receive partial credit towards self assessment.

4. Feedback to the subject must be provided along with a score comparison to the peer group. This comparison can be expressed as percentile.

5. The questions must conform to the style and form as used by the ABD.

6. The examination fee should be reasonable and appropriate

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Application for Approval of
SELF-ASSESSMENT (SA) PROGRAM

Name of Dermatology Specialty Society: _____

Area covered by SA examination: _____

Electronic medium used (if applicable): _____

Number of questions: _____

Mechanism for subject feedback: _____

Mechanism for peer group comparison: _____

Cost to subject: _____

An example of the examination should accompany this application.

Name of person completing application: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Application fee of $500 must accompany this document.