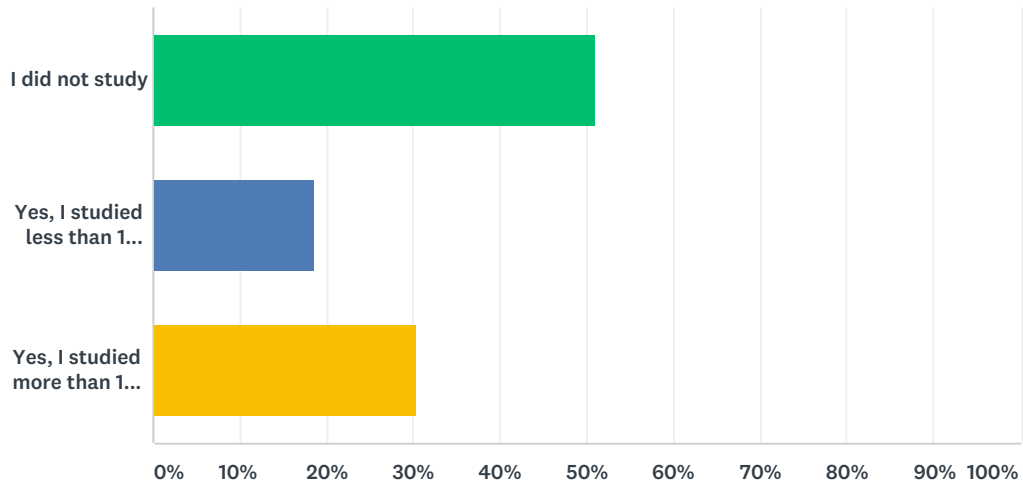


### Q3 Did you study before the exam?

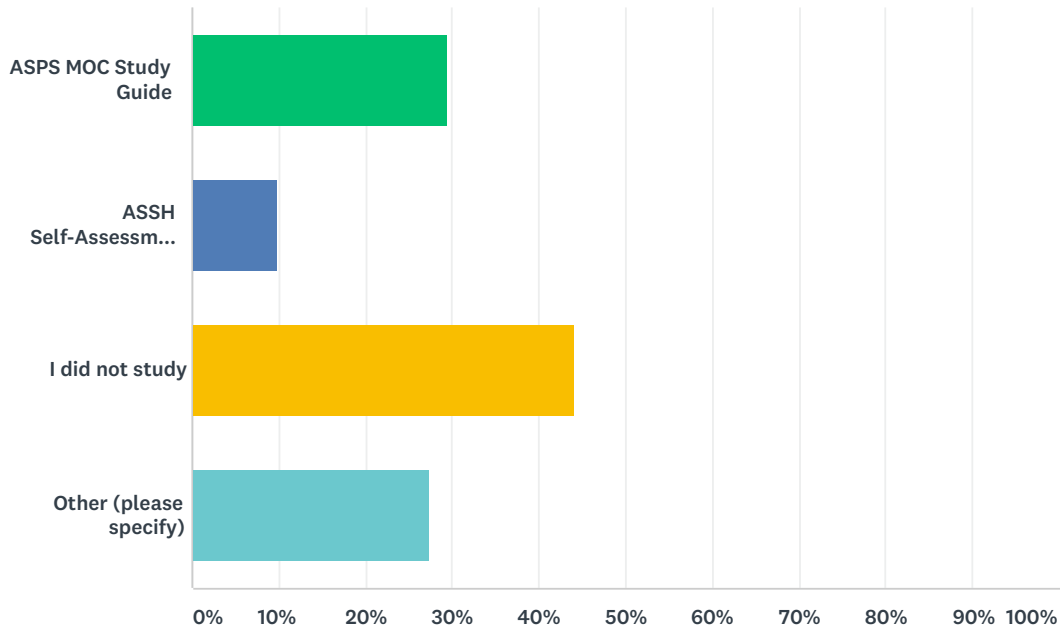
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I did not study	50.98%	52
Yes, I studied less than 1 week	18.63%	19
Yes, I studied more than 1 week	30.39%	31
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>102</b>

## Q4 What resource(s) did you use prior to taking the exam?

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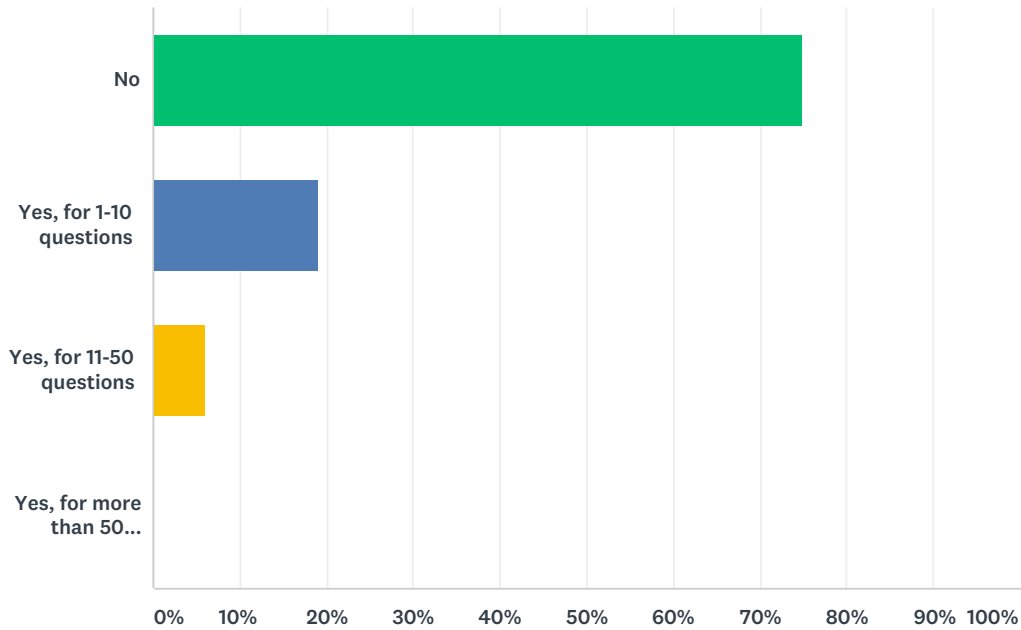
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
ASPS MOC Study Guide	29.41% 30
ASSH Self-Assessment Study Guide	9.80% 10
I did not study	44.12% 45
Other (please specify)	27.45% 28
Total Respondents: 102	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	textbooks	5/4/2019 12:56 PM
2	I kept exhaustive notes from studying for in service exams while I was a fellow and referred back for the core information and Took several of the in-service exams every couple of years to keep my mind fresh specifically on things I don't treat clinically.	4/30/2019 4:29 PM
3	Old inservice questions	4/30/2019 12:02 PM
4	PSEN	4/28/2019 3:58 PM
5	yearly in service exam notes	4/24/2019 1:42 PM
6	In Service	4/24/2019 2:43 AM
7	Old in service exams	4/23/2019 11:28 PM
8	In service exam	4/23/2019 4:15 PM
9	Keeping up w reading every year	4/22/2019 1:17 PM
10	Reading	4/21/2019 4:55 PM
11	Review articles	4/16/2019 7:01 PM
12	in-service questions	4/15/2019 5:50 PM

13	ASPS educational library	4/15/2019 2:05 PM
14	Previous assh self assessment tests	4/15/2019 1:32 PM
15	Plastic Surgery Secrets	4/15/2019 11:23 AM
16	Textbooks	4/12/2019 12:47 AM
17	Literature , books , pertinent to review	4/10/2019 8:37 PM
18	Assh bank of 800 questions	4/9/2019 5:44 PM
19	I recently took the in-service exam, and reviewed the prior three years' in-service exams before taking this year's	4/8/2019 4:51 PM
20	In Servive ASPS	4/8/2019 12:51 PM
21	Conferences, ACAPS	4/8/2019 11:58 AM
22	In-Service Exam	4/8/2019 11:09 AM
23	review book	4/8/2019 11:03 AM
24	Text books and notes	4/4/2019 12:56 PM
25	essentials of ps	4/3/2019 1:00 PM
26	ASPS Question Bank	4/3/2019 10:34 AM
27	ASPS in service exam	4/3/2019 9:36 AM
28	I take it every year but not right before this exam	4/2/2019 8:18 PM

### Q5 Did you utilize outside resources during the exam?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No	75.00% 75
Yes, for 1-10 questions	19.00% 19
Yes, for 11-50 questions	6.00% 6
Yes, for more than 50 questions	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

#	WHAT, IF ANY, RESOURCES DID YOU USE DURING THE EXAM?	DATE
1	I had notes from previous in service exams but did not use them during the exam, I found the format to be extremely helpful and more valuable then potentially looking at older notes. This was particularly true for questions that truly are outside of my practice and it was a great refresher and reminder.	4/30/2019 4:29 PM
2	I used my notes from MOC for about 25 questions	4/24/2019 1:42 PM
3	Textbook, article search	4/24/2019 2:43 AM
4	Anatomy diagrams	4/22/2019 1:17 PM
5	UpToDate, PRS	4/22/2019 10:14 AM
6	online	4/22/2019 9:58 AM
7	textbook	4/17/2019 12:33 AM
8	google	4/15/2019 1:32 PM
9	Text books and internet search	4/15/2019 11:23 AM
10	Ortho Bullets	4/12/2019 2:21 PM
11	internet	4/10/2019 9:54 AM
12	Green textbook	4/9/2019 5:44 PM

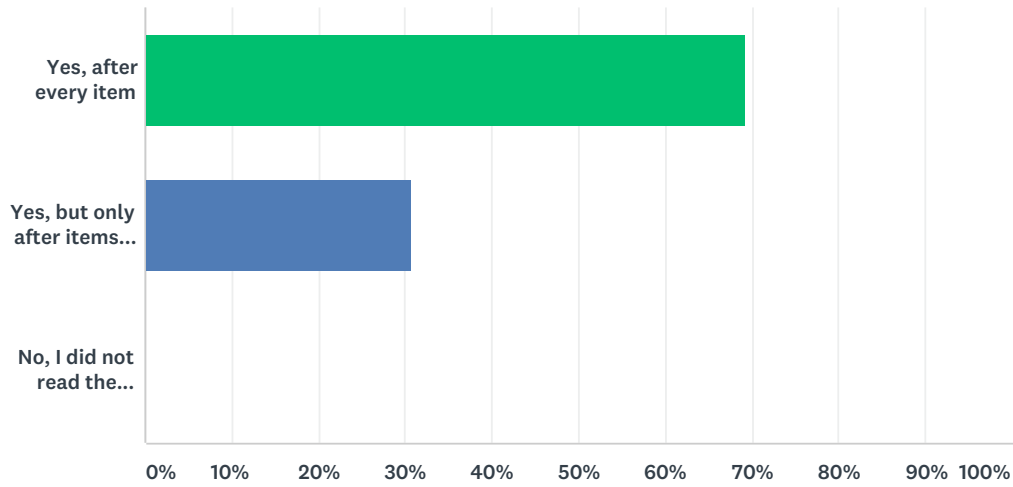
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13	TEXT Book and PRS Journal	4/8/2019 12:51 PM
14	Pubmed	4/8/2019 11:58 AM
15	Anatomy textbook	4/3/2019 9:40 AM
16	first google then appropriate peer reviewed publications	4/2/2019 8:18 PM

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### Q6 Did you read the rationales?

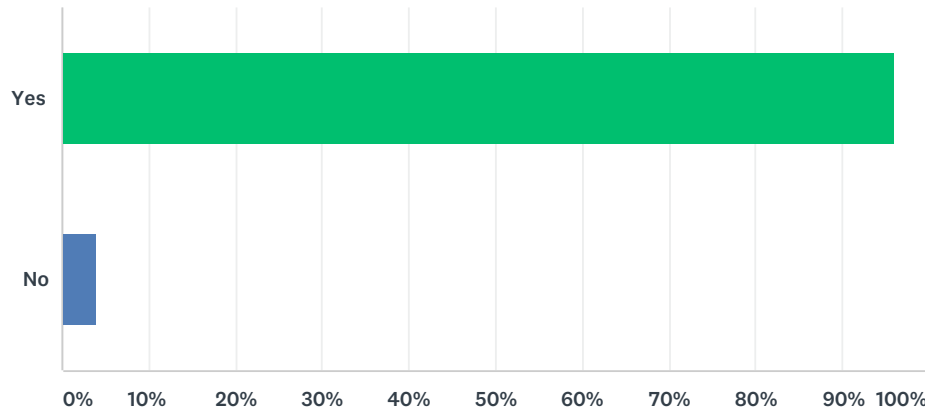
Answered: 101 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, after every item	69.31%	70
Yes, but only after items answered incorrectly the first time	30.69%	31
No, I did not read the rationales	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>101</b>

## Q7 Did this exam enhance your medical knowledge?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.08%	98
No	3.92%	4
TOTAL		102

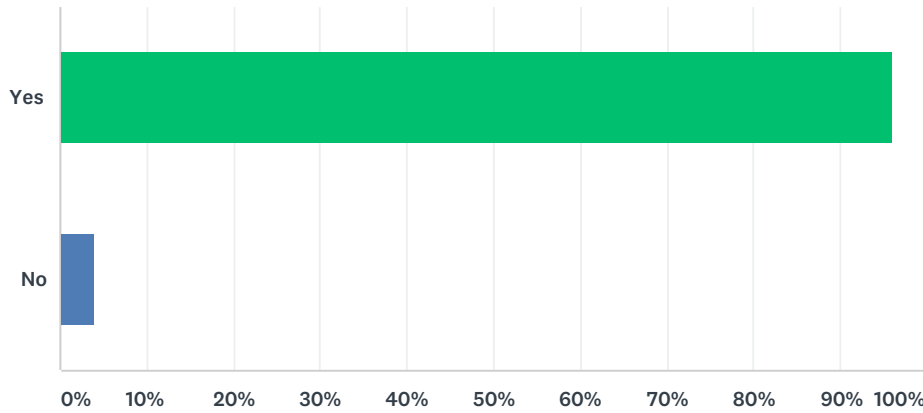
#	ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE
1	surprisingly so	5/7/2019 12:40 PM
2	I actually thought it was fun and Would love to have something like this available through the society that you could use for potential he CME or just as a fun intellectual exercise. I have tremendous respect for the board and what they have done for us as a specialty I went into this test very nervous obviously but was extraordinarily pleased with the experience and the overall educational value.	4/30/2019 4:29 PM
3	I really find this approach useful, less stressful, and positive.	4/26/2019 2:16 PM
4	huge way to broaden knowledge quickly	4/24/2019 1:42 PM
5	It clarified some rationales and knowledge base items for me.	4/23/2019 4:15 PM
6	I always find reading the answer explanations teaches me	4/22/2019 1:17 PM
7	The exam provided a helpful review of a number of topics.	4/22/2019 10:14 AM
8	Tremendous improvement over the traditional exam. It reinforced what I knew, and taught me new things.	4/22/2019 9:41 AM
9	This format is genuinely educational.	4/19/2019 1:11 PM
10	Many of the questions were clinically relevant, and the rationales provided relevant summaries of the standard of care	4/16/2019 4:39 PM
11	I appreciated the explanations and felt like even after 21 years of academic practice I still learned some things, and relearned some things I had forgotten.	4/15/2019 5:08 PM
12	very reinforcing format	4/15/2019 12:54 PM
13	The questions were appropriately challenging and pertinent to my clinical practice. I would welcome the opportunity to test myself on these type of questions annually rather than the in-service exam.	4/11/2019 4:01 PM
14	This new format was much more a learning experience than the old one	4/8/2019 4:51 PM
15	Excellent format, I learned a lot, low stress and minimal time away from my practice	4/8/2019 11:58 AM

16	Yes finally a learning opportunity!!! (which is what MOC should be anyway, right?)	4/8/2019 11:09 AM
17	Enjoyable learning experience	4/8/2019 11:02 AM
18	There were some areas that my knowledge was refreshed	4/4/2019 1:01 PM
19	Excellent. THIS is what CME should be.	4/4/2019 12:56 PM
20	Was wonderful.	4/3/2019 10:34 AM
21	great format	4/3/2019 9:42 AM
22	Especially of things I am not current in. le hand and implant associated lymphoma	4/3/2019 9:36 AM
23	absolutely even changed some of my treatment protocols	4/2/2019 8:18 PM
24	Majority of learning was through MoC study guide	4/2/2019 5:54 PM



# Q8 Are you able to apply any of what you learned to your clinical practice?

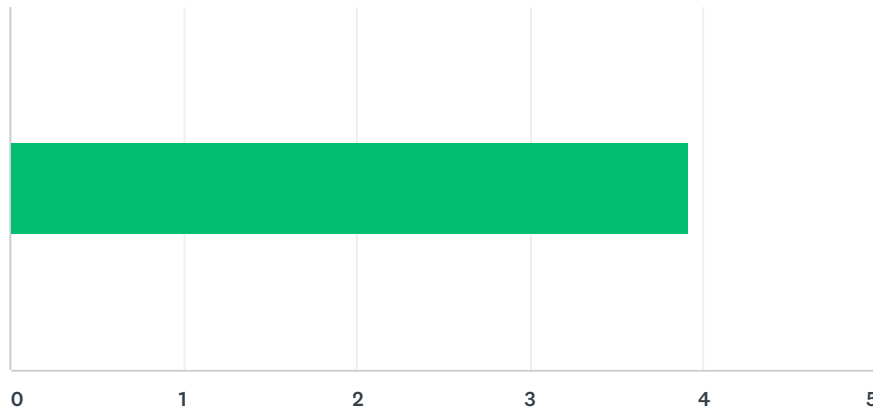
Answered: 99 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.96%	95
No	4.04%	4
TOTAL		99

### Q9 Grade the new testing format on a scale of 1 (most difficult) to 5 (easy)

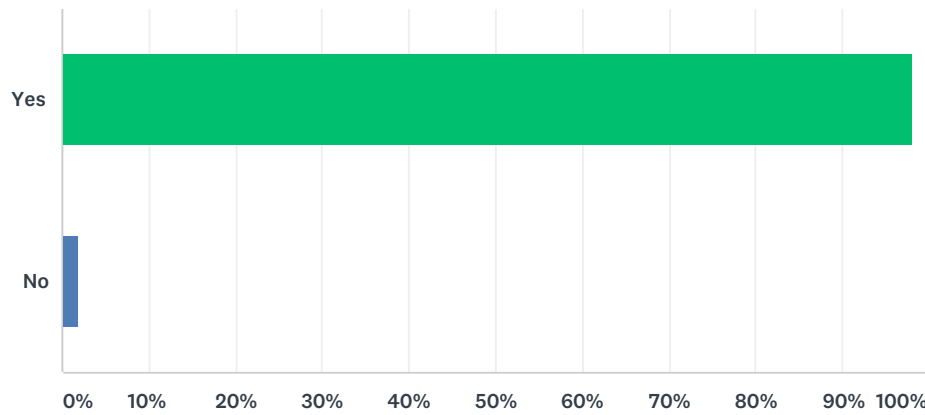
Answered: 103 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	4	403	103
Total Respondents: 103			

### Q10 Do you prefer the online exam to a proctored secure exam at a testing center?

Answered: 101 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.02%	99
No	1.98%	2
TOTAL		101

Category	Comment
<b>Technical</b>	There were some issues with the questions advancing too fast when you clicked on the answer button.
<b>Technical</b>	When the question is being answered for a second time, have a confirmation question displayed. A couple times I was going through the exam quickly and clicked on the answer too quickly and could not go back to change it.
<b>Suggestion</b>	<p>Instead of a test, I would much prefer CME activities that truly provided a comprehensive review of core topics including summaries of the state-of-the-art literature, as well as the blend of scientific principles with practical application.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The test through the course of multiple discussions provided authoritative answers on specific outcomes and complications following breast augmentation (eg.</li> <li>-The test provided a nice summary of the theory of analyzing the cheek for selecting malar implants</li> </ul> <p>These types of insights that go above and beyond what is found in textbooks and typical CME reviews (eg. PRS MOC articles) would be nice to get in a more comprehensive format (eg. a series of articles/videos) that would truly add to a practioner's knowledge base (as opposed to getting spot facts based on single examination questions)</p>
<b>Suggestion</b>	Just to add the bibliography to some of the rationale. it will be useful
<b>Suggestion</b>	In reading the email here that the exam will be graded and then a passing level set in June as opposed to being told I passed it and thinking that I would pass it during the taking of it, I'm a bit confused. My strategy would have been different if I thought it was going to be graded on a "curve" on first responses only. I would have looked up more answers before answering them using outside sources (as I perceive to be allowed) instead of using only the knowledge I had at the time. I hope I am misreading the email and that a passing score was achieved at the time of test taking as I thought had happened.
<b>Positive</b>	I always find reading the answer explanations teaches me
<b>Positive</b>	The exam provided a helpful review of a number of topics.
<b>Positive</b>	Tremendous improvement over the traditional exam. It reinforced what I knew, and taught me new things.
<b>Positive</b>	This format is genuinely educational.
<b>Positive</b>	Many of the questions were clinically relevant, and the rationales provided relevant summaries of the standard of care
<b>Positive</b>	I appreciated the explanations and felt like even after 21 years of academic practice I still learned some things, and relearned some things I had forgotten.
<b>Positive</b>	very reinforcing format

Category	Comment
Positive	The questions were appropriately challenging and pertinent to my clinical practice. I would welcome the opportunity to test myself on these type of questions annually rather than the in-service exam.
Positive	This new format was much more a learning experience than the old one
Positive	Excellent format, I learned a lot, low stress and minimal time away from my practice
Positive	Yes finally a learning opportunity!!! (which is what MOC should be anyway, right?)
Positive	Enjoyable learning experience
Positive	There were some areas that my knowledge was refreshed
Positive	Excellent. THIS is what CME should be.
Positive	Was wonderful.
Positive	great format
Positive	Especially of things I am not current in. le hand and implant associated lymphoma
Positive	absolutely even changed some of my treatment protocols
Positive	So much more time efficient and cost effective for me than actually going to a test site and taking the test. I thought the questions were very fair relative to my practice. I do feel I learn more when I get immediate feedback from an incorrect answer as well as an explanation. Many times I would look up additional information if I missed a question and made note of any incorrect answer or information in a discussion that I was not aware of.
Positive	That format was a great experience and a huge improvement for MOC. The questions were very representative of the field.
Positive	Excellent format enhanced learning and retention of material. Allowed learning and testing of knowledge in a non-punitive way.
Positive	The ability to do the exam over several sessions was very helpful.
Positive	This format removed the tremendous stress of the proctored examination. It was actually fun, and accomplishes the goal of fostering learning as opposed to studying for a test.
Positive	Excellent new format which is preferable to the proctored examination. I learned much more and found more clinical relevance than in previous recertification exams.
Positive	The change of format converts a formerly burdensome, expensive, unfair and anxiety-provoking exercise into a real educational endeavor.

Category	Comment
Positive	It was an educational experience that I enjoyed.
Positive	Great learning tool.
Positive	Much better assessment of knowledge rather than a punitive exam about areas we no longer cover
Positive	This is a fantastic improvement in the MOC process. I learned information during the test and will be a better surgeon because of it. Thanks.
Positive	This is a simple, convenient, and effective testing format. This format allowed me to learn the materials on my own time.
Positive	I am very pleased that the board has moved in this direction. It serves the purpose of the board and give clinicians an opportunity to learn. I honestly would appreciate doing these exams more often.
Positive	I think it's a reasonable way to test people who have already been board-certified
Positive	Such an improvement. The previous system was simply not sustainable for those of us in solo private practice.
Positive	Very easy to use format. Enjoyed taking the exam
Positive	This is much more rationale approach to MOC. issues with certification problems are rarely knowledge based but rather professionalism difficulties.
Positive	A great advance
Positive	Allow open access to literature on self assessment exam results instead of having too have a login
Positive	This format is significantly better than the format used when I recertified ten years ago.
Positive	Much more learning with this new format where the correct answer is given to you right away. With old format, didn't always make time to review my incorrect answers when received score weeks later and definitely did not review the questions where I guessed correctly.
Positive	Maintenance of certification should be a way to ensure surgeons are safe and competent. This format is a fair method of assessment.
Positive	It is a reasonable option.
Positive	Much better than last recertifying exam
Positive	This was fantastic! I spent a lot of time thoroughly reading every answer whether I missed it or not. Some of the ones I missed were embarrassing, but good to review.
Positive	It was my first and only MOC exam, so I do not have a perfect reference point. However based on what other colleagues have conveyed to me, this format seems to be more realistic and applicable to every day plastic surgeon, especially those that are practicing within a community rather than an academic center. It allows us to be tested on topics and subjects related to our general practice scenario, and also information and feedback that can be applied to every day clinical practice scenarios.

Category	Comment
Positive	It was great! I not only confirmed what I already new, I also picked up some new information
Positive	This way of texting is much better. The other one was awful and not a useful way to spend time. Please continue with this type of approach
Positive	Excellent decision to create more learning value and effective use of our time.
Positive	Kudos to the Board for making this a learning opportunity instead of punitive process!!
Positive	Learned a lot more with this format.
Positive	Very accommodating
Positive	Online is a vast improvement and the format allows for much more learning at the time of the test taking. This is true MOC!
Positive	It is excellent. The proctored test center exams were unnecessary and uncalled for torture for board certified plastic surgeons who have gone through so much hardship to get to where they are.
Positive	This is perfect. The test was low-stress, was not a burden, and allowed me to review treatment and diagnosis and to stay up-to-date with the latest evidence-based Medicine. Actually what CME SHOULD BE!
Positive	Think this manner is very convenient. Love the immediate feed back and opportunity to learn at the time the mistake is made. Very helpful and refreshing way to have testing done.
Positive	Very Happy with the new testing format
Positive	Much more educational
Positive	dig it
Positive	Outstanding format. Practice appropriate. Learned many valuable things.
Positive	I thought it was great
Positive	This is, in my opinion, a better way to assess and enhance knowledge. I feel I was able to more accurately answer questions as I did not feel the stress I usually do while taking a secure exam. When I took my original certification exam in a testing center, I was pregnant and the heat in the room malfunctioned. I sweated through the entire thing, and then felt stressed for weeks waiting for the answer. This allowed me to really assess what I knew and didn't, and allowed me to learn by receiving immediate feedback. Thank you for changing the format to one that truly promotes lifelong learning.

Category	Comment
Positive	Great idea .... fair and useful. This is my third certification..... initial, second was a written exam at a proctored center, and now this format. This was obviously less stressful... But more important than that... And perhaps it's my stage of learning... But I really felt that this exam was the best in terms of a learning experience and a benchmark for my day-to-day practice. I would like to commend the board for having a sane and reasonable change to this exam. Having said that... I also took the 30 question self-assessment even though it is not required of me for two more years... This I think will eventually be even more helpful than the 200 question exam.
Positive	I really enjoyed this exam. All, and I mean ALL of the stress was removed. I reverted in general surgery a few years ago in a testing center and I had the same fear and stress about this exam. I was planning a week off from work, a review course and about \$1500 in review materials. Once I read about the format I did not do this. I took the exam in my free time over two days. I took the time to read all of the explanations. I learned from the immediate feedback about wrong and right answers. I consider this exam superior as far as testing my knowledge and educating me about my lack of knowledge as well.
Positive	I thought it was great. Probably could use more questions. Need to balance acquired knowledge with questions about new treatments and information that has presented over the past 5-10 years.I would ask more questions about these recent advances so we can learn more about them.
Positive	Great from an MOC standpoint.
Positive	this might actually be a reasonable way to do MOC, rather than the extremely ineffective way it was done 10 yrs ago.
Positive	Painless
Positive	really liked the resources and papers available at the end
Positive	Was excellent overall - I like the idea of the assessment and then on-going questions to be completed throughout the year in place of the 200 question exam
Positive	I thought the test design was brilliant . it helps you to understand where your deficiencies are but you immediately get feedback and understand where your thought process was wrong which again I think has value beyond calculation . as I mentioned with the thirty question core exam in this I wish it was something that was available to us all the time . for example , imagine how much refreshing you could get done between OR cases fifteen to twenty minutes three or four times a day on OR days Could completely refresh everything you learned about things such as craniosynostoses something well outside of my practice but certainly beneficial to maintain a firm knowledge about. I don't know if other specialties do this but I think this should be how all recertification exams are constructed. Job well done as always.
Positive	It was actually fun to take this test, and this format helped me refresh some of my knowledge. Thank you for making this change. It also addressed the previously unfair practice of "grandfathering" in the very surgeons ( the old guard of the ASPS) who probably most needed recertification and conveniently exempted themselves. This was a wildly unpopular practice and I am glad the policy and format was finally changed. Thank you!
Positive	i enjoyed taking this exam in a relaxed setting I feel there were areas that I improved or re-enforced my knowledge for my clinical practice



Category	Comment
Positive	The format is very good as it meets the purpose of the MOC while being practical in its form.
Positive	Much better than the prior way of doing things! This fits much better into a busy schedule and is a lot less burdensome.
Positive	This was sooo...much better than the old format. I thought the questions were much more practical/applicable to my practice and I learned more than I did when I took the exam at the testing center. That exam only measured whether you read and memorized questions from the study booklet.
Positive	Excellent review of basic everyday knowledge
Positive	format is excellent that allows some interruptions for examples, for coffee and answering calls. The trill of the exam is still maintained.
Positive	This was extremely educational and actually fun to do. I believe that it should be something we could do in a smaller subset every year
Positive	I liked this new testing method. thanks for changing the method for many reasons.
Positive	My wife has a doctorate in Education (Ed.D). When I first showed her how this exam worked, she said, "That's really good and makes alot of sense". I couldn't agree more. Good job, keep it up!
Positive	<p>OMFG thank you for changing the format. This is a HUGELY welcome and progressive change y'all made. It truly reflects an appreciation of how little time we have to prepare. I actually learned a lot from this format: 2 chances to score correctly. It's a brilliant way to administer MOC.</p> <p>The only other thing that had to be said is that the board (ABPS) and the society (ASPS) are obviously failing misery at protecting our scope of practice. The creep of other specialties into aesthetics (and recon) is awful and your membership is looking to you to fight back. Take the gloves off and fight back!</p>
Positive	a lot easier and less stressful with a busy office, I took the week off to do final preparations and studied for 1 one in March, really not necessary
Positive	Mostly relevant questions that are applicable and reflective of clinical practice. Much less esoteric knowledge than In Service exam. Good learning opportunity
Positive	As long as one does the moc study guide the test is pretty straight forward
Positive	Was easy.
Positive	I found the exam to be the most relevant exam I've taken to date in plastic surgery. It really reflected my practice and highlighted topics that should be well known.
Neutral	Majority of learning was through MoC study guide

Category	Comment
<b>Items</b>	Overall excellent. As with any exam, some items could use some rewording as they could be misinterpreted, and a handful of items did not follow standard guidelines for multiple choice questions, e.g, the answer should be in your mind before you even read the choices, you shouldn't have to read the choices to figure out the answer. Controversial topics also are better avoided. Even so, these items were still educational if they were answered incorrectly, if the rationale were well written, so in the end these were still valuable form a learning standpoint. There were only a handful out of the 200 items I did where the rational actually didn't point the reader to the "correct" answer, or to any answer for that matter. I would think these items would be identifiable on items analysis of the exam. Again, overall I think the objective of continuous learning was pretty well met.
<b>Items</b>	Wish that questions based in a single study for rationale should be eliminated
<b>Items</b>	I thought the exam was a good educational activity. A few of the questions were a bit vague and a few of the explanations unclear but overall good. The only criticism is that I thought there was too much on chemical peels that for most of us have been abandoned areas of practice in favor of more modern skin treatments.
<b>Items</b>	I really liked this new format. the test was very educational while being relatively low stress. Some questions were a little vague and didn't always seem to have a "best one answer" but I'm sure that will get better refined. The rationales overall were well written and very helpful. Getting references for further reading would be nice!
<b>Items</b>	I prefer the new 200 question test to the old proctored test.  Unrelated, but important: the majority of questions do not apply to my practice and are not helpful to me. I (and most of the plastic surgeons I know) do not do hand surgery, facial fractures, pressure sores or free flaps.
<b>Items</b>	For a hand certification exam, there appeared to be way too many non-hand questions. I understand questions that address general surgical and even plastic surgical questions - e.g. local flaps, anesthetics, ethics, free tissue transfer and microsurgery. However, I was surprised to see breast questions (e.g. one on gynecomastia). In addition, I thought there were too many questions on wrist surgery. Even though I consider wrist surgery "fair game", most plastic hand surgeons are less versed in wrist surgery. Regardless, thank you for changing the examination format and taking the anxiety and stress out of it... a significant improvement for sure and kudos to the board!
<b>Anti-MOC</b>	The MOC is just one more annoyance that does nothing to improve safety or improve surgeon quality. It is a complete waste of time. If surgeons are completing their CME requirements that these activities are more relevant and much more valuable - especially given the great variety of courses available. I have benefited greatly from participating in the Baker-Gordon Symposium and the Cutting Edge. The live surgery and lecture format is the most ideal way to improve and to inform my practice of plastic surgery. Thank you for asking.