

LAIM Exam, Case Report, and Clinical Writing Assessment Requirements

LAIM candidates beginning Residency Training Programs (RTP) after June, 2018 will be trained and certified under guidelines outlined in the new Certification Manual, rather than the General Information Guide (GIG). Previous editions of the GIG outlined guidelines for LAIM candidates currently enrolled in approved LAIM RTPs, as well as candidates that have completed RTPs but have not yet completed all requirements for certification.

Under the new Certification Manual, the current Patient Management (PM) section of the LAIM Specialty Exam has been replaced by the Case Management (CM) Exam section. Those that have not yet passed the PM section will be required to pass the CM section instead. Those that have passed the PM section will not need to take the CM section. For candidates pursuing certification under GIG guidelines, there will be a 3 year transition period during which Case Reports (CR) will be replaced by the new Clinical Writing Assessments (CWA).

The purpose of this document is to clarify these changes and how these changes may affect current candidates, as well as to provide dates for ongoing submission of CRs for candidates under GIG guidelines.

For candidates whose program began before June 2018, the following scenarios may apply:

Patient Management Exam section and Case Report status as of June 2018:

A. PM Exam section not passed and 0 CRs approved – Immediate Transition to CM:

Pass 2 CWAs and pass CM Exam section (now available)

B. PM Exam section not passed and 1 CR approved – Two Options:

- Option 1 (Transition to CM Postponed):
If either of these requirements is NOT completed by June 2021, the candidate will transition to CM guidelines and Option 2
 - Pass 1 CR (6 remaining submission times: 10/1/18, 3/1/19, 10/1/19, 3/1/2020, 10/1/2020, and 3/1/2021)
 - Pass CM Exam section
- Option 2 (Immediate Transition to CM):
 - Pass 1 CWA
 - Pass CM Exam section

C. PM Exam section not passed and 2 CRs approved – Immediate Transition to CM:

Pass CM Exam section

D. PM Exam section passed and 0 CRs approved – Two Options:

- Option 1 (Transition to CM Postponed):
If this requirement is NOT completed by June 2021, the candidate will transition to CM guidelines and Option 2
 - Pass 2 CRs (6 remaining submission times: 10/1/18, 3/1/19, 10/1/19, 3/1/2020, 10/1/2020, and 3/1/2021)
- Option 2 (Immediate Transition to CM):
 - Pass 2 CWAs

E. PM Exam section passed and 1 CR approved – Two Options:

- Option 1 (Transition to CM Postponed):
If this requirement is NOT completed by June 2021, the candidate will transition to CM guidelines and Option 2
 - Pass 1 CR (6 remaining submission times: 10/1/18, 3/1/19, 10/1/19, 3/1/2020, 10/1/2020, and 3/1/2021)
- Option 2 (Immediate Transition to CM):
 - Pass 1 CWA

F. PM Exam section passed and 2 CRs approved: Requirements Completed