

2023 Alimentary Tract Module General Surgery Continuous Certification Assessment

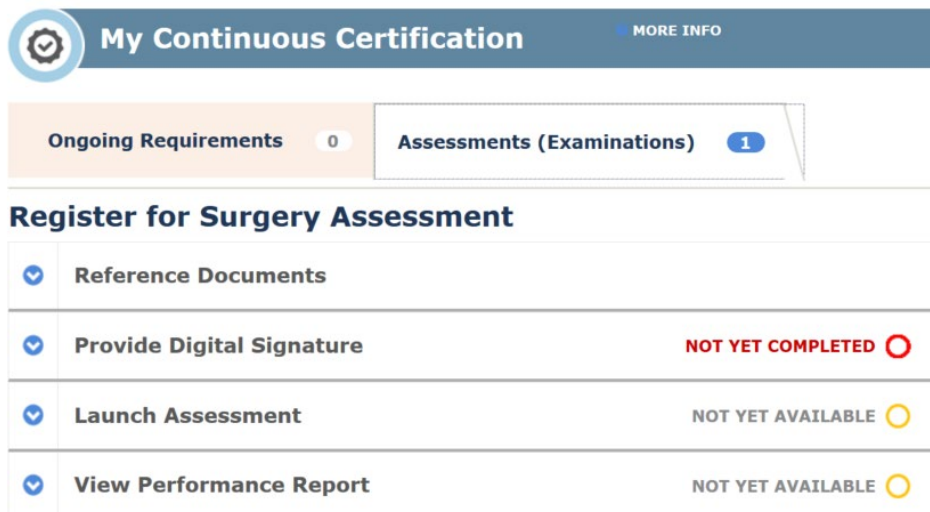
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