

AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE AND THE UEMS-AMA COLLABORATION

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UEMS and AMA Collaboration

- July 1997 – UEMS and AMA begin exploring a transatlantic collaboration in CME
- July 1998 – Letter of intent to work towards reciprocity of CME credits approved by the AMA Council on Medical Education (Council) signed by the AMA and UEMS (Dr. Leonard Harvey)
- June 2000 – Pilot begins on conversion of CME credit (“encourages physicians from the US and Europe to collaborate and participate in international congresses conferences, and eventually web-based CME”)

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- June 2002 – Memo to the AMA Council on Medical Education (Council), from Drs. Dennis K. Wentz and Cees Leibbrandt, with an update on the pilot. Pilot renewed for four years with an update in 2004 and a final report in 2006.
- June 2006 – Report provided to the Council. Agreement status changed from pilot to ongoing agreement with review and renewal every four years.
- June 2010 – Agreement amended to include e-learning activities and renewed for four years



CME/CPD in the US



CME/CPD: An ethical, professional and educational imperative

A physician shall continue to study, apply, and advance scientific knowledge, maintain a commitment to medical education, make relevant information available to patients, colleagues, and the public, obtain consultation, and use the talents of other health professionals when indicated.

One of the nine Principles of medical ethics
AMA Code of Ethics

Ethical guidance to physicians related to CME

Opinion 9.011 – Continuing Medical Education

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/medical-ethics/code-medical-ethics/opinion9011.page>

Opinion 9.0115 - Financial Relationships with Industry in CME

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/medical-ethics/code-medical-ethics/opinion90115.page>

Opinion 8.061 - Gifts to Physicians from Industry

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/medical-ethics/code-medical-ethics/opinion8061.page>

American Academy of Family Physicians

- AAFP began content review of individual activities and its specialty specific credit in 1947
- Two types of credit:
 - AAFP Prescribed Credit
 - AAFP Elective Credit

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/cme/cmea/cmeapplying.html>

American Medical Association

The Physician Recognition Award (PRA) was created in 1968

AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

- Certified activities by state accredited or nationally accredited CME providers under the ACCME accreditation system
- Individual learning activities certified for credit directly by the AMA and International activities

AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™

- Educational activities not certified for Category 1 Credit but claimed for credit by individual physicians

American Osteopathic Association

- AOA began content review of individual activities, specialty-specific institutional accreditation, and specialty-specific credit in 1973
- Four types of credit:
 - 1-A, 1-B, 2-A, and 2-B

www.do-online.org

Some CME credit requirements in the US

Voluntary recognition awards – AMA PRA, others

Specialty Societies – Mandated by some for membership

Hospitals – Mandated by accrediting bodies

Specialty boards – Mandated to maintain specialty certification

Licensing boards – Mandated to maintain license to practice in vast majority of states

AMA Approved Learning Formats for use by accredited providers

1. Live activity (1 credit per hour)
2. Enduring material
3. Journal-based CME activity (1 credit per article)
4. Test-item writing activity (10 credits per cycle)
5. Manuscript review activity (3 credits per review)
6. PI CME activity (20 credits per completed cycle)
7. Internet Point of Care activity (0.5 credits per question)

CME credit awarded directly by the AMA

- Preparing and presenting an original presentation at a live activity certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ - 2 credits per hour of presentation
- Publishing, as the lead author, a peer-reviewed article in a journal indexed in MEDLINE -10 per article
- Preparing a poster presentation, as the first author, included in the abstracts of an activity certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ - 5 per poster
- Obtaining a medically related advance degree –25/degree
- Completing an ABMS board certification of MoC© process – 60 per cycle
- Participation in an ACGME approved residency or fellowship – 20 per year of training

International activities

- Union of European Medical Specialists (conversion of credit)
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (conversion of credit)
- International Conference Recognition Program (certified for credit)

AMA Resources

- Direct AMA PRA questions to:
www.cme@ama-assn.org
- AMA PRA credit system
www.ama-assn.org/go/praprogram and www.ama-assn.org/go/prabooklet
- AMA Division of Continuing Physician Professional Development
www.ama-assn.org/go/cppd
- Resources for physicians
www.ama-assn.org/go/cme
- Information for CME providers
www.ama-assn.org/go/cmeprovider
- AMA MedEd Update – sign up via:
<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/news/subscribe-newsletters.page>



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