

CATEGORIES OF ACCEPTABLE CME

CATEGORY 1

CME ACTIVITIES WITH ACCREDITED SPONSORSHIP

At least 40 credits **MUST** be earned in this category. The total 100 credits **MAY** be earned in this category.

CRITERIA:

Category 1 activities are those planned CME programs sponsored by an organization or institution accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), or the Ohio State Medical Association's Committee on Accreditation.

Credit may be claimed in Category 1 for planned programs of CME that are co-sponsored by an ACCME or OSMA accredited organization/institution, provided that each co-sponsor is actively involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the program; and, accepts responsibility for its quality.

A current list of accredited sponsors of CME will be maintained by the State Medical Board and the OSMA Committee on Accreditation.

Many common CME formats can be modified to meet the definition of a planned program of CME, i.e.

Lecture Series

Grand Rounds

Teaching Rounds

Departmental Scientific Meetings

Seminars

Workshops

Clinical Traineeships

Mini-Residencies

Multi-medial Audiovisual Self-Instruction Programs

(30 hours limit per biennium)

CME courses of medical and medical specialty societies, including local, regional, state, national or international meetings.

However, the designation of Category 1 programs is the responsibility of the accredited organization for CME and it is the responsibility of the program registrant to ascertain whether a program is Category 1 or 2 before attending.

VALUE:

One (1) credit for each hour of participation

CATEGORY 2

Includes CME activities with non-accredited sponsorship; medical teaching; articles, publications, books, and exhibits; non-supervised individual CME activities; and other meritorious learning experiences.

There is a limit of 60 credits for this category.

The 60 credits in Category 2 may be achieved in any one or more of the following areas:

CME ACTIVITIES WITH NON-ACCREDITED SPONSORSHIP

CRITERIA:

Credit in Category 2 may be claimed for CME activities which either do not have accredited sponsorship or do not meet the definition of a planned program of CME; however, they must meet the definition of CME. Programs sponsored by an accredited organization which do not meet the definition of a planned program may be claimed in Category 2.

VALUE:

One (1) credit for each hour of participation

MEDICAL TEACHING

CRITERIA:

Credit may be claimed for contact hours of teaching, including lecturing to medical students (including preceptees), residents, practicing physicians and other health professionals.

VALUE:

One (1) credit for each hour of teaching: one(1) credit for each hour as preceptor

ARTICLES, PUBLICATIONS, BOOKS AND EXHIBITS

CRITERIA:

Credit may be claimed for a medical or medically-related article, publication or for each chapter of a book that is authorized and published. A paper must be published in a recognized medical journal.

A presentation of an exhibit must be offered to a medical audience, which can include allied health professionals. Credit may be claimed only for the first time the materials are presented, and should be claimed as of the date materials were presented or published.

VALUE:

Ten (10) credits for each presentation or publication

NON-SUPERVISED CME ACTIVITIES

CRITERIA:

CME activities that are not directly supervised.

A. SELF-INSTRUCTION

Self-instruction materials and CME programs claimed in Category 2 need not be produced, sponsored or cosponsored by an organization accredited for CME, nor are they required to meet the definition of a planned program of CME.

Examples of self-instruction materials include:

- 1) Audiovisual materials, such as videotapes, audiotapes, films, filmstrips, slides, etc. used individually and without direct supervision.**
- 2) Open or closed circuit television and radio broadcasts, and instruction using telephone networks.**
- 3) Programmed medical education materials and teaching devices, such as computers.**
- 4) medical publications, whether read individually or in a journal.**
- 5) Scientific exhibits.**

If Category 1 credit is to be claimed, the self-instruction materials must be designated Category 1 by an accredited organization.

VALUE:

One (1) credit for each 1 hour of participation

B. CONSULTATION

The education a physician receives from a consultant can be claimed provided the consultation is expanded to meet the definition of a planned program of CME. The instruction period should not be less than one hour. Ordinary case consultation should not be claimed.

In recording, the name of the consultant(s) and the topic discussed should be given.

When an individual instructor offers a CME course, physicians attending the course may claim hour-for-hour participation. The consultant or instructor may claim credit for Medical Teaching.

VALUE:

One (1) credit for each hour of consultation time

C. PATIENT CARE REVIEW

Credit can be claimed for participation in programs for review and evaluation of patient care. This includes such activities as peer review, medical audit, consecutive case conferences, chart audit, and participation in a Professional Standards Review Organization (PRSO) where participation involves patient care review, or the development of screening criteria or norms.

Physicians attending courses dealing with the methodology for evaluation of patient care should claim credit in Categories 1 or 2 according to the designation statement.

Service on hospitals medical staff committees for tissue review, infections, death conference, pharmacy, etc. may also be claimed when they consider any aspect of medical care.

VALUE:

One (1) credit for each hour of participation

D. SELF ASSESSMENT

Credit may be claimed for the time spent in taking a self-assessment examination. To be acceptable, the examination must be scored and the results made known to the participants so they may plan CME programs based on the CME needs so identified. Time spent by the physician taking so-called self-tests that may appear as pretests, or pretest/post-tests in medical publications should not be claimed in any category.

CME done by a physician in preparation for a self-assessment examination should be claimed in the category for which they are designated or for which they qualify.

VALUE:

One (1) credit for each 1 hour of participation

OTHER MERITORIOUS LEARNING EXPERIENCES

CRITERIA:

This includes CME activities and experiences that are not appropriate for any of the other categories. If possible, an accredited organization should be involved in planning, coordinating, administering and evaluating the CME activity.

Answers should be provided to the following questions:

- 1) What CME needs was this experience designed to meet?**
- 2) How was this CME need determined?**
- 3) What was the educational objective(s) and what was the knowledge level or skill that was achieved?**

- 4) What were the programs or activities that were used to meet this objective?**
- 5) What educational techniques were used in the CME program?**
- 6) Who was the instructor or the sponsoring educational institution?**
- 7) How was the experience evaluated in terms of meeting the educational objectives?**
- 8) How many hours of CME activities were earned, what were the inclusive dates and where was it done?**

VALUE:

Dependent on responses to questions 1-8. Maximum, one (1) credit for each 1 hour of participation.

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