

MAHARASHTRA MEDICAL COUNCIL, MUMBAI

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Medical Science is dynamic and there is no end of learning for a doctor. This is in essence the concept of continuing medical education (CME). Tremendous advances are taking place in the field of medical sciences, which are continuously changing the concept, approach to management and the outcome of several diseases. The rapid pace of these advances makes it mandatory for doctors to keep themselves updated so that they may apply this information to their patient's well being and improve the quality of care rendered to them. A doctor must never be satisfied with his/her current level of proficiency and must always strive to enhance his/her competence and knowledge by keeping abreast with the latest developments in the field.

The Central Government of India has notified the new Ethics regulations in the Gazette of India on April 16, 2002, provides that “ A Physician should participate in professional meetings as part of Continuing Medical Education Programmes, for at least 30 hours every five years, organized by reputed professional academic bodies or any other authorized organisations. Since the above provisions have become mandatory, it has become necessary for the Maharashtra Medical Council to consider the whole matter and issue necessary guidelines in regard to its implementation. It has become necessary to accredit identified organisations so that the certificates of attendance at CME issued by them can be taken as valid.

Various organisations which are already undertaking CME programmes through workshops, seminars or short term CME courses etc. have not been accredited by the Maharashtra Medical Council. Maharashtra Medical Council offers to accredit these institutes.

ORGANISATIONS/ ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES TO BE ACCREDITED FOR C.M.E. CREDITATION

The Maharashtra Medical Councils shall consider the applications for accreditation of following organisation for holding CME programmes and convey their approval if the organisation fulfils all requirements.

1. All recognized Medical Colleges
2. Indian Medical Association or the State Chapters of the Indian Medical Association.
3. National Academy of Medical Sciences.
4. Specialists Associations (only National level Associations or their State Chapters).
5. All recognized Postgraduate Medical Institutions.
6. Central Govt. and State Govts. Hospitals (including Districts Hospitals) and training centres in health field including Ministry of Health and FW, Defence, Railways.
7. International conference of professional bodies.
8. National conference of professional bodies.
9. State Level Conference of National Organizations.
10. Professional bodies of repute functional at District, City, State Level eg. Physician Forum/ Surgeons Forum/ Doctors Forum etc. in their areas/ specialties and super specialties.

GUIDELINES FOR C.M.E. ACCREDITATION

1. Accreditation/ Credit hours to be awarded will be the sole discretion of the Maharashtra Medical Council depending upon the subject matter, Status of the speaker, Quality of the papers to be presented in the C.M.E. / Conference.
2. Any professional organization or body or institution making to hold CME.'s should apply for accreditation to the Maharashtra Medical Council. The council on verifying the credentials of the organization will give certificate of accreditations to those bodies to hold CME's.
3. The officer bearers of the Association/ Organization will apply to the Maharashtra Medical Council on a designed application form. The application should be accompanied by the Complete programme of the C.M.E. / Conference including the names and designation Country of the speakers and the subject of speech.
4. Accredited bodies like IMA/ professional bodies which hold regular CME's will have to inform the Maharashtra Medical Council, the date of the CME, at least 15 days in advance, so that the Maharashtra Medical Council can send observer to the CME meeting.

5. In the application sent to the Maharashtra Medical Council, the minimum duration given to each speaker should also be mentioned along with the topic of the lecturer while applying for the credit hours.
6. Credit hours will be based on the composition of the faculty participation, quality of the contents of the subject matter and feed back from the delegates (On specified performa).
7. Associations/ Organizations should strictly issue the certificate to the delegate who has attended the C.M.E. no certificates should be distributed on the first day at the time of Registration for the C.M.E. / Conference. This practice should be taken care of. The certificates be distributed/ awarded only on the last day.
8. Associations/ Organizations will be duty bound to send the feedback of the delegates and the list of the delegates who have attended the C.M.E./Conference. A separate list for the delegates belonging to State of Maharashtra and delegates of the other states be submitted to the Maharashtra Medical Council.
9. In case it is found that the certificate is false one than the issuing Association / Organization will be debarred for future accreditation.

Credit hours to the CME / State / National / International Conference / Workshop organized will be credited on the basis of the quality of subject matter and the status of the speakers delivering the lecturer during the C.M.E.

1. Each CME / State / National / International Conference / Workshop of two days (5-6 hours daily) shall be eligible for a maximum of four credit hours. If it is only one day CME programme of 5-6 hours, the credit hours shall be two hours.
2. The doctors may attend the International C.M.E.'s/ Conferences held overseas as delegates. On the production of the certificates of attendance. CME credit hours will be given on the same pattern as for National Conference.
3. Any paper published in indexed National/ International Medical journal will entitle the author/ co author doctors to five (5) hours of CME credit hours.
4. Doctors doing Post Graduate courses e.g. Diploma, M.D., M.S., D.N.B., M.Ch., D.M., Fellowships, Memberships etc. from recognised/ reputed institutions in India or abroad will get 4 credit hour per year for the duration of the courses. e.g. One year 4 credit hour. Two Year 4 credit hour, Three year 4 credit hour as so on.
5. Any chapter published in a text book or update book published by professional bodies will entitle the author/ co authors doctors to four hours of CME credit hours.
6. Speakers at any conference/ CME/ Workshop/ training programme will be given one credit hour per talk in addition to the credit hours allotted for that particular academic activity.

Modalities for accreditation

All state level organisations conducting CME Programmes at present should approach the Maharashtra Medical Council for accrediting these organisations.

On receipt of such request, Maharashtra Medical Councils shall consider the following factors for being granted accreditation for conducting CME programmes and shall award credit hours.

1. CME programme meant for graduate doctors should have a brief session on national health programmes on relevant subjects alongwith adequate exposure to recent advances, changing modalities of treatment, adequate exposure of consumer protection and medical insurance Laws, record keeping and medical audit.
2. The Organisation has all the requisites and demonstrated ability to plan and implement CME programmes to cover the targeted group (to be specified as general practitioners, specialists (disciplines to be specified), teachers (specialists to be specified), Vertical National Health Programme officials etc.
3. The organisations should provide the schedule and transcripts of each CME activity.
4. Organisations should make arrangements for advance publicity to the targeted group of participants.
5. The methodology of feed back evaluation programme should be intimated in advance.
6. The organisation should undertake to publish handouts, bring out a brief report of each CME and also prepare a list of participants and send to Maharashtra Medical Council as the case may be immediately after the CME programme.
7. Whether the transcript of each CME programme is considered to be relevant to the updating of the knowledge of the medical practitioners by way of latest medical advances, National Health Programmes, and the local needs of the area/zone/State.
8. Whether resource personnel are experienced enough in providing the CME programmes.
9. Whether arrangements are available for keeping record of participants along with their registration no., Medical Council where registered, complete address and the no. of credit hours of participation.
10. Whether the organisation as a programme of evaluation of CME to indicate the benefits accrued to participants by way of updating of knowledge, upgrading their ability and benefit to the patients.
11. Accreditation shall be for a period of five year at a time subject to renewal for a further period or curtailing or canceling the accreditation for valid reasons.
12. The list of the delegates who attended the CME should be sent to The Registrar, MMC alongwith MMC Registration Number delegates and processing fee and CD of the CME

Registers to be maintained by the Medical Councils.

Maharashtra Medical Council shall maintain a register (computer data based) showing the names of accredited organisations conducting CME programmes indicating the year for which the accreditation is valid and the names of registered medical practitioners with their registration No., Council with which registered, number of credit hours of CME attended by them (indicating the date/month/year} for the purpose of record so as to ensure that each medical practitioner fulfills the criteria of attending 30 credit hours in a period of 5 years.”

Keeping in view large volume of work to be handled by the Council in regard to approval of organisations conducting the CME course, keeping record of CME programmes attended each year by registered medical practitioners and coordinating with State Medical Councils etc. a separate section may be created for the purpose.

Continued Medical Education (C.M.E.) which will not be accredited:

1. The C.M.E.'s organized by a drug/ equipment company for promotion of the drug / equipment will not be entertained/ considered.
2. C.M.E's organized by the individual nursing homes/ Hospitals/ persons for marketing purposes shall not be credited.
3. C.M.E. organized for self promotion/ advertisement will not be credited.

Application for obtaining Accreditation by Maharashtra Medical Council.

To

The Registrar,
Maharashtra Medical Council,
189/A, Anand Complex, 2nd Floor,
Sane Guruji Marg, Aruther Road Naka,
Mumbai-400011

Sub : Issue of Certificate of accreditation

Sir,

Our organisations regularly conducts CME programmes / workshops / seminars for updating knowledge of doctors and we have demonstrated ability to plan & implement above programs to cover the targeted doctors. Brief details of our organisation are as below.

- 1) Name of organisation -----

- 2) Recognition Number of MCI (applicable for Medical colleges) -----

- 3) Name of Associations -----
- 4) Registration Number of Association -----

I request to issue certificate of accreditation to our institute / association.

Thanking you,

With warm regards,

Yours truly,

Signature

Name -----

Official Stamp

Note : 1) Application should be made on official letter head of organisation / Association.

FORMAT OF CERTIFICATE

Name of organization organizing CME Programmes / Workshops /
Seminars / Conferences

This is to certify that

Dr. _____

has participated as delegate in _____

(CME Programmes / Workshops / Seminars / Conferences)

held on the Date/Month/Year.

Maharashtra Medical Council has granted _____ Credit hours for delegates.

Signature & Name of
Org. Secretary

Dr. D. N. Lanjewar
Administrator
Maharashtra Medical Council

Signature & Name of
Organisation

FORMAT OF CERTIFICATE

**Name of organization organizing CME Programmes / Workshops /
Seminars / Conferences**

This is to certify that

Dr. _____

has participated as faculty member in _____

(CME Programmes / Workshops / Seminars / Conferences)

held on the Date/Month/Year.

Maharashtra Medical Council has granted _____ Credit hours for faculty members.

**Signature & Name of
Org. Secretary**

**Dr. D. N. Lanjewar
Administrator
Maharashtra Medical Council**

**Signature & Name of
Organisation**

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NOTICE

The Maharashtra Medical Council in it's notification published in various news papers on March 22, 2010 has started offering credit hours for Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs) participating in CMEs/Workshops/Seminars/Conferences. Those RMPs who have participated in International Conferences/ CMEs/Workshops and also those who have published research papers in Index Medical Journals are eligible for getting credit hours.

RMPs who have participated in International Conferences/CMEs/ Workshops should submit attested copy of Conference certificates to Maharashtra Medical Council, Mumbai, so that credit hours can be issued to them.

Similarly those RMPs who have published Research Papers in Index Medical Journals should send attested copy of their published papers to Maharashtra Medical Council so that credit hours can be issued to them. All the authors of published paper are eligible to get credit hours.

It is also informed to all medical practitioners (MBBS) to register their names with Maharashtra Medical Council, Mumbai.

Similarly all recognized post graduate degree holders (including super specialty degree holders) should register their post graduate qualification with Maharashtra Medical Council, Mumbai.

Administrator
Maharashtra Medical Council

Guidelines for issuing credit hours for International Conferences and for published Research Papers in Index Medical Journals.

Sr. No.	Participation in Conferences	Credit Hours
1)	Guest Speaker / Resource Person in International Conferences	8 Hours
2)	Guest Speaker in National/State Conferences	6 Hours
3)	Paper Presentation (Oral / Poster) in International Conferences	3 Hours
4)	Paper Presentation (Oral / Poster) in National/ State Conferences	2 Hours

Sr. No.	Papers Published in International Index Journals	Credit Hours
1)	Original article	8 Hours
2)	Case Report	3 Hours
3)	Letter to Editor	2 Hours

Sr. No.	Papers Published in National Index Journals	Credit Hours
1)	Original Article	6 Hours
2)	Case Report	2 Hours
3)	Letter to Editor	1 Hours