



**WHERE ARE WE NOW**  
**WITH CME IN FRANCE?**

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# ***FRENCH CME'S HISTORY (1)***

- April 1996: Juppé's Ordonnances
  - CME became mandatory.
  
- March 2002: Act on Patients Rights and Quality of Care
  - Mandatory and sanctioning CME
  
- February 2004: CNFMC set up
  - Council for the Continuing Medical Education of Independent Physicians (CNFMCL)
  - Council for the Continuing Medical Education of Salaried Non-Hospital Physicians (CNFMCS)
  - Council for the Continuing Medical Education of Physicians, Biologists, Odontologists and Pharmacists working in public health establishments (CNFMCH)
  
- August 2004: New social security act

# ***FRENCH CME'S HISTORY (2)***

- April 2005: Decree on Professional Practices Assessment (PPA)
- July 2006: Decree on CME
- May 2007: French presidential election
- November 2008: New healthcare reform, called law relative to « Hospital, Patients, Health and Territories »
- = 12 years, 6 Ministers of Health, 4 laws and a new one submitted to Parliament in January 2009

# ***THE 3 CNFMC'S MISSIONS PRESENTLY***

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- Accrediting medical education providers
- Establishing a CME scale of accreditation
- Defining public health national orientations
- Drawing up a Code of Good Practices with pharmaceutical firms (« Charte du Leem »)
- Advising the Minister of Health on CME matters

# ***CME IN PRACTICE***

- All doctors in exercise have to work towards collecting **250 credits** over a **5-year period**.
  
- **CME categories:**
  - **Category 1:** formal learning opportunities provided by recognised and accredited educational institutions.
    - **8 credits** for a 1-day course
    - **4 credits** for an evening or half-day course
  - **Category 2:** e-learning and articles reading
  - **Category 3 :** educational activities (supervision of PhD students and interns, research activities...)
  - **Category 4:** PPA, which aim is to improve quality of care by providing doctors with peer feedback on their pattern of practice

# ***WHERE ARE WE NOW WITH ACCREDITED CME PROVIDERS?***

## Applications:

- **625** CME providers have applied for CNFMC accreditation
- **285** CME providers already **accredited**
- **106** CME providers **rejected**
- 272 applications not examined yet

## Funding

- CME receipts in 2007: **53 075 092 €**
- Social welfare: **19 258 209 €**
- Health firms : **6 267 736 €**
- Registration feeds: **11 358 346 €**
- Members feeds: **2 230 821 €**

# ***CME PROVIDERS' ACTIVITY IN 2007***

- All accredited CME providers have to report to CNFMC.
- Thanks these reports we have a better representation of CME in France.
- 143 378 participations of physicians
- 96 945 participations of independent physicians
- 94 396 different physicians involved in CME actions
- 1 346 363 credits delivered

# ***CONFLICTS OF INTEREST***

- **82%** of accredited CME providers have a declaration of conflict of interest policy for direction.
- **84%** for scientific directions
- **84%** for trainers and experts
- **86%** of CME providers regularly update the declarations of conflict of interest.
- **81%** of CME providers communicate them to physicians involved in CME actions.



# « *HOSPITAL, PATIENTS, HEALTH AND TERRITORIES* » ACT (1)

## ■ *CME in the last version, presented on 22 October 2008 to the Ministers Council*

- **Mandatory CME**
- **CME objectives:**
  - Professional Practices Assessment (EPP)
  - Improvement of knowledge
  - Improvement of healthcare quality and patients safety
  - Taking into consideration the public health priorities
  - Medicalized control of health expenditures

# *HOSPITAL, PATIENTS, HEALTH AND TERRITORIES » ACT (2)*

- The French Board of Doctors makes sure that all doctors meet their obligations of CME.
- State council decrees will set the conditions of CME application and quality criterias of CME actions.
- In 2009, thanks a new French Health Minister...

# ***BEING A GENERAL PRACTITIONER IN FRANCE...***

- While waiting a French strengthened system, the European system harmonisation has to be build.
- The French general practitioners are not represented at UEMO, because there is not structure representing them in France.
- In the following days, will be formed the first French College of General Practitioners...

## *CME IN EUROPE...*

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- It seems to me that we have to harmonize our agreement and validity criterias of CME programs in Europe and in the North USA.
- We should issue CME credits without consideration of places of CME actions or nationality of participants, for general practitioners with UEMO, and as medical specialists have done yet with UEMS.

# *CONCLUSIONS...*

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- *I hope we will talk soon about that...*
- *It is the message I would like to deliver here...*



*Thanks for your attention.*

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