



CME AND CME ACCREDITATION IN SPAIN

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WHO ARE CME PROVIDERS



◆ Medical Societies/ Medical Associations	50%
◆ Employers	20%
◆ Pharma Companies	15%
◆ Private Institutions	10%
◆ Universities	5%

WHO ARE CME FINANCIAL BACKERS

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- ◆ Pharma Companies 65%
 - ◆ Employers 20%
 - ◆ Medical Societies/
Medical Associations 10%
 - ◆ Physicians by themselves 5%

IS CME MANDATORY ?

- ◆ CME is not mandatory at all
- ◆ CME credits are used as incentive for professional careers of physicians employed by the 17 regional health services (Salary)

IS REVALIDATION IMPLEMENTED ?

- ◆ Revalidation is not implemented, neither Relicensure nor Recertification
- ◆ Many CPD related initiatives are under way, either by Colleges of Physicians or Medical Societies

THE PATHWAY OF CME ACCREDITATION

- ◆ 1st STEP Catalan Council for CME (1989, 1997)
- ◆ 2nd STEP Spanish Commission of Continuing Education for Health Professionals (1997, 1998)
- ◆ 3rd STEP Spanish Accreditation Council for CME (SACCME) (2003)

STEPS OF THE ACTIVITIES ACCREDITATION PROCESS

- ◆ CME Provider
 - ◆ Accreditation Body
 - ◆ Three external Peer Reviewers
 - ◆ Accreditation Body
- Application form
- Register & Revision
- Quality assessment
- Accreditation
(CME credits)

ASSESSMENT BY EXTERNAL PEER REVIEWERS

- ◆ Assessment of the “learning profile” of the CME activity:
 - . Objectives
 - . Contents (Program, Faculty)
 - . Needs assessment
 - . Educational methodology
 - . Evaluation
- ◆ Use of a Lickert scale for assessment
- ◆ Output: Quality Factor

METHODOLOGY OF CME CREDIT CALCULATION

- ◆ Learning hours (Proposed by the provider and/or estimated by the secretariat of the Accreditation Body)
- ◆ Quality Factor

ADVANTAGES OF THIS ACCREDITATION METHODOLOGY

- ◆ Differentiation of CME activities based on their “learning profile” (impact on the attendants’ competence)
- ◆ Active involvement of physicians’ associations

EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN EACCME CREDITS (ECMECs) AND SACCME CREDITS

- ◆ Agreement of November 23rd, 2007
- ◆ $1 \text{ ECMEC} = 0.12 \text{ SACCME credits}$

SACCME STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL SUPPORT

- ◆ Independence of the scientific program
- ◆ Independence of the faculty/speakers
(Disclosure)
- ◆ Control of the promotional and educational materials
- ◆ Control of logos
- ◆ Differentiation of areas during the CME event