



# "New developments and relationships in CME"

latest status with the **provider accreditation** developments in Italy

"How recent CME developments are changing the way people approach CME"

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# **CME in ITALY**

**Who are the decision-makers?**

**Who are the providers?**

**What are the educational objectives?**

**What are the incentives?**

**Does recertification exist?**



# Who are the decision-makers?

- **Ministry of Health**
- **Regional Health Structures**
- **Medical Scientific Societies**
- **Medical & Professional Associations**
- **Patients Associations**
- **Pharmaceutical Companies**



# Who are the providers?

## TODAY – 2002/2010

- **12.000 Providers / Organizers**

**Health Ministry Website**

**over 400.000 events in 8 yrs**

**Single Event Accreditation**

## TOMORROW - 2011

- **A few Hundreds with rigid criteria**

**Providers accreditation**



# What are the educational objectives?

- Italy has a CME system of **1 million health workers**  
300.000 doctors, 330.000 nurses, 65.000 Pharm. etc
- **1999 law** requires that everyone should receive CME,  
up to 50 Credits a year
- After **8 years** of single events not a clear objective
  
- From 2011 :
- Needs Assessment
- Measurement of outcomes
- Clinical Governance



## What are the incentives?

- **For the individual health worker:**
- **None at present**
- Career schemes, or applications for University, Hospital appointments
- **No sanctions either**
- **In the future for the Provider:**
- **Controls, sanctions, cancellation**



# Does recertification exist?

- **Not yet**
- It has been announced as a possible option, with the new Provider structure



# Continuing Medical Education: the Italian system

- **1999 law:** Mandatory CME, up to 50 Credits a year
- **The National CME Program:** started in 2002
- **Target:** all Health Care professionals
- **The accreditation procedure:** single activity (event)
- **System actors and their roles:** Health Ministry, Regions, National CME Commission, Referees,





# Continuing Medical Education: the Italian system

## **Mandatory Target:**

- **All the Health Care workers: physicians, nurses, technicians, and all other people in Health Care State-owned and private companies (over 1 million)**
- **Exempted :**
  - Workers who attend residency programs, PHD and any other advanced learning program**



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- **Activities subject to accreditation:**
- **Residential learning activities like courses, congresses, workshops, meetings**
- **E-Learning or distance learning activities**



# **Continuing Medical Education: the Italian system**

- **Agreement 08/1/2007 between Health Ministry and Regions**
- **The new National CME Commission with 6 sections:**
  - **Provider Accreditation**
  - **CME innovative methods**
  - **CME quality evaluation**
  - **National and Regional purposes**
  - **Accreditation of International Meetings \***
  - **Self-employed professionals**
- **\* No reciprocity yet with foreign CME authorities.**



# Continuing Medical Education: the Italian system

- **Provider Accreditation**
- **Individual educational project**
- **Registration and certification of CME credits**
- **Conflict of interest regulation**
- **Educational modes including Distance Learning, Self Learning**



# **Continuing Medical Education: the Italian system**

- **Health Ministry and Regions agreement – 2009**
- **Provider Accreditation: The essential requirements**
- **Hospital and educational institutions**
- **National and regional objectives (areas of interest)**
- **E-Learning or Distance Learning Providers**
- **Quality evaluation**

# Continuing Medical Education: the Italian system

## Practical Info:

- **Oct 2010: Deadline Educational programs for 2011**
- **Costs for Program Accreditation:**
- **Provider:** € 2.582 /year –registration
- **Accreditation Fees:**
- **Residential:** € 258 -up to 10 cr> €1.500 max € 30/cr
- **Distance Learning:** € 2.582 up to 5 credits/1.000 learners, double for more credits/participants
- Reports, inspections, sanctions, pharma codes, certification