"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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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

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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

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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
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- **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,

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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

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• 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.

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

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- 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

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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

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