Hippocrates of Kos – 400 BC
Observation and reasoning regarding disease
20th Century

For 2350 years since Hippocrates – better diagnosis, but no effective treatment

CME - grand rounds, medical society meetings, journals and lunch-time conversations

1950s – drugs began to work

Pharmaceutical industry funding of CME

Need for regulation of CME
Regulation

USA – 1981 Accreditation Council for CME – ACCME
provider accreditation

Europe – National Accreditation Authorities – NAA
activity accreditation

UEMS – position paper on CME 1994

UEMS - Charter on continuing medical education of medical specialists in the European Union 1994
(Len Harvey president)
Regulation

Chicago 1998 – agreement on reciprocal recognition of American and European CME credits (Cees Leibbrandt, UEMS and Dennis Wentz, AMA)

1999 UEMS document D9908

2000 European Accreditation Council for CME, EACCME (Cees Leibbrandt)
Regulation

European rather than national CME – dual accreditation with NAA of the host country

Accreditation of e-Learning Materials
EACCME - 2011

Accreditation of Live Educational Events
EACCME - 2012
CME Organisations

**USA**
1975 Alliance for Continuing Medical Education, now Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions (Lew Miller)

1995 Global Alliance for Medical Education (Lew Miller)

**Europe**
2008 European CME Forum (Eugene Pozniak)
New Elements of EACCME 2

• Faster and more efficient handling - application, review and accreditation.
  • Brand-new IT platform to support the process and assist providers.
    • Embrace new educational material - e.g. e-platforms
    • Recognition of CME CPD activities beyond live events and e-learning material – publishing, reviewing, lecturing
  • Trusted provider Status
  • Quality control of events
• Embrace a much broader spectrum of healthcare professionals