

GUIDELINES FOR C.M.E ACCREDITATION

**Approved by Council members in Meeting held on 04.04.2018**

**Pre-requisite:**

1. Accreditation/Credit hours to be awarded will be the sole discretion of the Punjab Medical Council depending upon the subject matter, Status of the speaker, Quality of the papers to be presented in the C.M.E./Conference.
2. The association/ Organization will apply to the Punjab Medical Council on a simple application by the Organizing Secretary. The application should be accompanied by the complete programme of the C.M.E./Conference including the names and designation of the speakers and the subject of speech.
3. Ordinarily the duration of the C.M.E. should be more than the 2 hours.
4. Credit hours will be based on the composition of the faculty participation, quality of the contents of the subject matter and feed back from the delegates (On specified proforma).
5. Minimum credit hours granted to each C.M.E. shall be one hour for the organizing of C.M.E.'s for two hours. In the application sent to the Punjab Medical Council, the minimum duration given to each speaker should also be mentioned along with the topic of the lecturer while applying for the credit hours.
6. Associations/ Organizations should strictly issue the certificate to the delegate who has attended the C.M.E. In some cases it has been observed that the certificates are distributed on the first day at the time of Registration for the C.M.E./Conference. This practice should be taken care of. The certificates be distributed/ awarded only on the last day.
7. Associations/ Organization will be duty bound to send the feedback of the delegates and the list of the delegates who have attended the C.M.E./Conference. A separate list for the delegates belonging to State of Punjab and delegates of the other states be submitted to the Punjab Medical Council.
8. In case it is found that the certificate is false one than the issuing Association/ Organization will be debarred for future accreditation.
9. Any professional organization or body or institution making to hold C.M.E.'s should apply for accreditation to the Punjab Medical Council. The council on verifying the credentials of the organization will give certificate of accreditations to those bodies to hold C.M.E.'s.
10. The organization like IMA/ professional bodies who hold regular monthly meeting will issue a CME credit certificate at the end of every year to its members specifically stating how many credit hours were acquired by each members for that year. These certificates will be issued on the prescribed proforma approved by the Punjab Medical Council.
11. Accredited bodies like IMA/professional bodies which hold regular CME's will have to inform the Punjab Medical Council, the date of the CME, at least 15 days in advance, so that the Punjab Medical Council can send observer to the CME meeting.
12. (a) In service trainings, workshops are conducted by D.H.S. for M.O or S.M.O. from time to time. These workshops, trainings may also be granted CME hours; if applied to Punjab Medical Council through Proper channel by organizers.

(b) CME, workshops or training held at SIHFW may be accredited if applied through organizers Via Principal SIHFW through proper channel.

### **ORGANISATIONS/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES TO BE ACCREDITED FOR C.M.E. CREDITATION**

1. International conference of professional bodies.
2. National conference of professional bodies.
3. IMA, Distt. level, State level, National level & IMA academy.
4. State level conference of National & International Organizations.
5. Training/Workshops conducted by D.H.S. at SIHFW or at District level/State level.
6. Professional bodies of repute functional at District, City, State level eg. Physician forum/Surgeons forum/Doctors forum etc. in their areas/specialties and super-specialties.
7. Subscription to indexed National/International journals will be accredited 5 hours(Maximum 25 hours out of 50 Hours in Five years)
8. CME/Workshop/Training programme conducted by Medical college Teaching Institutions/professional organizations.
9. Speakers at any conference/CME/Workshop/training programme will be given one credit hour per talk in addition to the credit hours allotted for that particular academic activity.
10. Former members and present members of Punjab Medical Council will be deputed to attend the C.M.E.'s as observer by the Punjab Medical Council and will be given certificate of attendance.
11. The list of the delegates who attended the CME should be sent from the organizing secretary of the CME/conference alongwith a CD of the CME.

### **Continued Medical Education (C.M.E)/activities which are to be accredited:**

1. Credit hours to the C.M.E. organized will be credited on the basis of the quality of subject matter and the status of the speakers delivering the lecturer during the C.M.E.
2. Postgraduate diploma/certificate courses will be given credit hours in case the diploma/certificate issuing institute has awarded the credit hours and credit hours have been mentioned in the certificate of such diploma/certificate course
3. The organizations holding the conferences will be given credit hours as per the schedule of the conference and the guest papers/scientific session to be held in the conference.

Two hours CME	:	1 Credit hour
Half day CME	:	2 Credit hour
One day conference	:	4 Credit hour
Two day conference	:	8 Credit hour
Three day conference	:	12 Credit hour

Doctors claiming the credit hours will be required to submit the certificate of attendance.

4. The doctors may attend the international C.M.E's/conferences held overseas as delegates. On the production of the certificates of attendance. CME credit hours will be given on the same pattern as for National conference.
5. No Credit to online CME
6. Maximum 5 hours in a year to the indexed national/international journal and total 25 out of 50 hours in 5 year
7. Any paper published in indexed National/International Medical journal will entitle the author/co-author doctors to five (5) hours of CME credit hours maximum up to 25 hours in five years
8. Doctors working as medical teachers can claim 10 C.M.E. credit hours per year on production of certificate from their head of institution that they are taking under graduate/postgraduate classes and are engaged in post graduate research work.
9. Doctors working in Govt. Sector/Private Sector under going refresher courses from time to time can claim credit hours on the recommendation of the head of institute as per the norms mention in clause 3. If CME/workshop/training is applied for accreditation by the organizers through proper channel.
10. Doctors doing Post graduate courses e.g. Diploma, M.D., M.S., D.N.B., M.Ch., D.M., fellowships, memberships etc. from recognized/reputed institutions in India or abroad will get 10 credit hour per year for the duration of the courses.

e.g.	Six Months	5 Credit hour
	One year	10 Credit hour
	Two year	20 Credit hour
	Three year	30 Credit hour as so on.

11. Any Chapter published in a text book or update book published by professional bodies will entitle the author/co-authors doctors to ten hours of CME credit hours maximum up to 25 hours in five years.

### **Continued Medical Education (C.M.E.) which will not be accredited:**

1. The C.M.E.'s organized by a drug/equipment company for promotion of the drug/equipment will not be entertained/considered.
2. C.M.E.'s organized by the individual nursing homes/hospitals/persons for marketing purposes shall not be credited.
3. C.M.E. organized for self promotion/advertisement will not be credited.

### **Relaxation of CME Hours to the Senior Citizen/ relaxation of CME Hours.**

The Punjab Medical Council in its meeting held on 28.11.2017 decided that there is no need to collect the 50 credit hours for the renewal of registration after the age of 65 years of Registered Medical Practitioners. The Govt. of India/ Govt. of Punjab gives some facilities to senior citizen after the age of 60 years, therefore all the members unanimously decided that there is no need to collect the 50 credit hours for the renewal of registration after 60 years of age of Registered Medical Practitioners being senior citizen.

Furthermore the following categories of doctors are exempted from getting CME credit hours /points for renewal of their registration:-

<b>r. No.</b>	<b>Particular</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	Vice Chancellor of all the Health Sciences Universities of Punjab (Private or Govt.)	The Registered Medical Practitioners occupying these positions should certify about the holding of the official position on their own letter head
2	Ministers Central and State Government	
3	Indian Administrative Services Officers/ Provincial Civil Services (I.A.S./ P.C.S officers)	
4	Director of Medical Education and Research	
5	Director Health Services	

6	Dean of Medical Colleges	
7	Registered Medical Practitioners (Doctors) working with Armed forces/ BSF.	
8	Medical teachers in Medical Colleges will get ten (10) credit points per annum after submitting certificate to that effect by the Dean.	