

AMA PRA Credit System

Category 1

AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ represents that the physician has participated in an educational activity, and completed all requirements for such an activity, that is expected to “serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public or the profession” as stated in the AMA’s definition of CME.

In order to certify activities for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and award credit to physicians that complete the certified activities the organization must: a. Plan and implement educational activities that meet all of the AMA PRA core requirements, the format-specific requirements, if any, for the chosen AMA approved learning format, and the designating and awarding AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ requirements (for information on these requirements refer to the AMA PRA informational booklet). b. Be accredited by either the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or an ACCME-recognized state medical society (SMS).

Category 2

AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™ is self-designated and self-claimed by individual physicians for participation in educational activities not certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* that meet the following criteria:

1. Comply with the AMA definition of CME
2. Comply with relevant AMA ethical opinions
3. Are non-promotional
4. Are a worthwhile learning experience related to a physician’s practice, as determined by the physician

Examples of learning activities that might meet the requirements for *AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™* include:

- Unstructured online searching and learning (i.e., not Internet point-of-care)
- Reading authoritative medical literature
- Consultation with peers and medical experts
- Self-assessment activities
- Medical writing
- Preceptorship participation
- Peer review and quality assurance participation

Accredited CME providers must not certify activities for *AMA*