

Continuing Medical Education

According to the American Medical Association (AMA), “continuing medical education (CME) consists of educational activities which 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.”

AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ is the most commonly accepted form of CME credit for physicians. AMA PRA Credit is recognized and accepted by hospital credentialing bodies, state medical licensure boards, medical specialty certifying boards, medical specialty societies, Joint Commission and other organizations. AMA PRA Credit is also the basis for receiving the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award.

AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ must be planned by an accredited provider, such as Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and meet certain qualifications, such as presenting content appropriate for a physician audience, addresses demonstrated educational needs, communicate clearly identified objectives, etc. *AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™* is defined as all educational activities not designated

for Category 1 that: 1) comply with the AMA definition of CME; 2) comply with the AMA ethical opinions on Gifts to Physicians from Industry and on Ethical Issues in CME; and 3) a physician finds to be a worthwhile learning experience related to his/her practice. Accredited providers do not designate activities for *AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™*. *AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™* may be claimed for activities such as teaching residents, reading authoritative medical literature, and consultation with peers and medical experts.

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More information on the AMA’s Physician Recognition Award and CME credit categories can be found on the AMA’s website at www.ama-assn.org under the “Professional Resources” tab. Or please contact the CME Office at Nationwide Children’s Hospital at (614) 355-0650.



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Category 1 CME Credit

Category 1 CME credits from non Nationwide Children's Hospital activities can be recorded on this form. For ease of record keeping throughout the license period, individuals may utilize the table below for tracking any

Category 1 CME hours earned from non NCH educational activities.

This form is for record keeping purposes only and is provided as a courtesy. Instructions for obtaining a transcript of NCH Category 1 CME credits are available at <http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/cme-transcripts>

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Category 2 CME Credit

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