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European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education

Mission and Objectives

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1. MISSION

The European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (UEMS-EACCME) will promote the pursue of the highest quality standards of Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in Europe, both for individuals and institutions, in order to foster the best possible standards of care for patients and populations.

2. OBJECTIVES

a. Responsibility for promotion of the quality of CME/CPD in Europe

- UEMS-EACCME will establish and disseminate standards of quality for educational events and materials devoted to specialist physicians
- UEMS-EACCME will verify that these standards are fulfilled by educational events and materials receiving UEMS-EACCME accreditation
- UEMS-EACCME will promote the adherence to the highest levels of quality in all dimensions of the accredited events and materials, including scientific content, commercial independence and educational excellence
- Practitioners will be guided in their choice of distance learning CME/CPD.

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- UEMS-EACCME intends to facilitate and accredit all types of CME/CPD modalities, and to promote the application of new technologies to medical education: Internet, CD ROMs, video etc.
- UEMS-EACCME will encourage the recognition of individual physician's credits by national authorities
- UEMS-EACCME activities will focus on international events, there being no involvement with local and national CME/CPD activities, unless they wish to receive international recognition.
- UEMS-EACCME will identify the most urgent needs in CME/CPD and facilitate CME/CPD activities in those fields that need a stimulus by providing preferential fees and scientific advice/assistance to CME/CPD providers
- UEMS-EACCME will advise and help those, who wish to establish accreditation procedures for CME/CPD at the national level, in order to maintain the independence of the profession. (Ch.1 of UEMS-EACCME Charter)

b. Facilitate the access of individual doctors to approved/accredited CME

UEMS-EACCME will encourage European and National Authorities both within and outside the EU to facilitate the practitioners' access to the best possible CME/CPD activities, through measures like, for example:

- Tax discounts and other financial incentives.
- Right to have funded leave for CME/CPD each year.
- Regulations that facilitate participation in CME/CPD activities.
- Assist regional and national institutions in organizing CME/CPD, especially in regions without teaching centres.
- Encourage national healthcare systems to contribute to the CME/CPD system.