

Continuing Medical Education

As announced in the previous *BME Newsletter and Report*, the continuing medical education requirement for physicians and physician assistants has been increased to 25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ or equivalent annually. Physicians and physician assistants will certify on their applications for license renewal for 2011 that they earned 25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits or equivalent during the calendar year 2010, on the applications for renewal for 2012, that 25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits or equivalent were earned during the calendar year 2011, and so on.

For one year only, and for physicians only, the Board will allow the carryover of credits earned during calendar year 2009 that are in excess of the 2009 requirement (12 credits) to be added to credits earned in 2010 to meet the increased requirement for 2011 renewal (25 credits).

For example:

2008 – Earned 20 credits

2008 requirement = 12 credits
Credits to apply to 2009 = 8

2009 – Earned 10 credits

2009 requirement = 12 credits
8 credits from 2008 applied to requirement for 2009
4 credits from 2009 added to requirement for 2009 to equal 12
Credits to apply to 2010 = 6 (10 - 4)

2010 – 4 credits accrued from 2009

Earn 21 credits (21 + 4 = 25)
Credits in excess of 21 will not apply to 2011

2011 – Earn 25 credits during calendar year

2012 – Earn 25 credits during calendar year

On the Net:

Board of Medical Examiners Web page concerning CME:

<http://www.albme.org/Default.aspx?Page=CME>

Report of Public Actions of the Medical Licensure Commission and Board of Medical Examiners

MLC – October 2009

◆ On Oct., the Commission entered an Order reprimanding the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Marc E. Berry, MD**, license number MD.20244, Birmingham, AL, and assessing administrative costs, based on failure to comply with CME requirements.

MLC – November 2009

◆ On Nov. 9, the Commission entered an Order terminating the probationary status of the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Frederick T. Roberts, MD**, license number MD.20835, Columbus, GA, and restoring the license to full, unrestricted status.

BME – November 2009

◆ On Nov. 18, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the certificate of qualification and license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Timothy M. Iliff, MD**, license number MD.10759, Mobile, AL.

MLC – December 2009

None to date

BME – December 2009

◆ Effective Dec. 21, the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Jason M. Hunt, MD**, license number MD.29076, Guntersville, AL, is temporarily suspended until such time as the Administrative Complaint of the Board of Medical Examiners shall be heard and a decision rendered thereon.

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News you can use from the Federation of State Medical Boards

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) co-sponsors regional pain management seminars with the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). These seminars are part of an AAFP program offering local, free CME to family physicians and primary care physicians from leading experts. Other sponsors include the Center for Practical Bioethics and the American Academy of Pain Medicine. Upcoming seminars include San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 9, 2010; Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20, 2010; and Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 13, 2010.

The most important difference between a good and indifferent clinician lies in the amount of attention paid to the story of a patient.

– Sir Farquhar Buzzard, *Lancet*, 1933