

Be recognized...

for your commitment to patient care through continuing medical education.

Apply for your American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award.

- Demonstrate that you have met CME licensing requirements in most states.
- Receive an elegant certificate you can frame from the American Medical Association (AMA), an organization your patients respect and trust.
- Use the approved AMA Physician's Recognition Award (PRA) application as a record of your CME for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).
- Earn the AMA PRA through specialty board certification or recertification.

In addition, if you are an AMA member you receive:

- An automatic update of your public profile as an AMA PRA recipient in Doctor Finder, the AMA's Web-based directory for patients and health professionals.
- A significant discount off of your AMA PRA processing fees.



Be recognized for exemplary effort

For almost 40 years, the American Medical Association (AMA) Physician's Recognition Award (PRA) has acknowledged physicians who continually expand their knowledge and improve their skills by participating in continuing medical education. Once you accumulate enough AMA PRA Credit, you can apply for an AMA PRA certificate that you can display with pride.

The AMA Physician's Recognition Award with Commendation certificate is awarded to physicians who demonstrate exceptional dedication to their professional development and regularly exceed the minimum credits required for the standard AMA PRA certificate.

Who is eligible

Physicians (MDs, DOs or those with equivalent degrees outside the United States) may apply for the AMA PRA if they hold a valid and current license issued by one of the U.S., Canadian or Mexican licensing jurisdictions or are engaged in residency training in an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited program in the United States. Nonphysicians are not eligible.

Please note

- At least half of the credits earned must be within your specialty or area of practice.
- You should retain a copy of your application and supporting documents. After processing, your application will be returned to you.

The AMA will not be able to provide you with a copy of your AMA PRA application once it is returned.

How is CME defined?

Continuing medical education consists of education activities that serve to maintain, develop or increase the knowledge, skills, professional performance and relationships a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public or the profession. The content of CME is that body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine and the provision of health care to the public.

The AMA PRA does not serve as a direct measure of physician competency and should not be used for that purpose. Physician competency represents the assessment of many complex measures, of which CME participation is only one.

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Physician information <<

Please provide the address where you want your AMA PRA certificate mailed. Include your e-mail address to receive electronic notification to renew your AMA PRA certificate.

Name (Please print or type) _____

Date of birth (MM/DD/YY) _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail address _____

Phone number _____

Fax number _____

Medical Education (ME) number (optional) _____

ME numbers for AMA members are located on AMA membership cards. For AMA membership information, please visit www.ama-assn.org or call (800) 262-3211.

Please check this box if the address above should replace your current mailing address in the AMA Physician Masterfile.

Issue date

Check only one of the options below:

Renewal certificate. If you are renewing an AMA PRA, your issue date is the same as the expiration date of your current AMA PRA. You can apply for renewal if you have an AMA PRA that has expired within the last three months, or will expire within the next six months.

New certificate. If you are applying for the AMA PRA for the first time, or your previous AMA PRA expired more than three months ago, your issue date will be the end date of the most recent activity submitted with your application.

Your attestation

I hereby apply for the AMA Physician's Recognition Award and certify that all information provided is correct, and that at least half of the credits submitted are within my specialty or area of practice.

Physician signature

Date

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Certificate type

Please indicate below the type and duration of the AMA PRA certificate for which you are applying, which reflects *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* and *AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™* earned within the designated time period for the certificate. The time period includes the one, two or three years (depending on the certificate type) prior to the expiration date of your current AMA PRA (for renewals) or the end date of the most recent activity submitted (for a new AMA PRA).

Check only one box below:

AMA PRA Standard

Three-year certificate

150 credits within three years
(at least 60 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)

Two-year certificate

100 credits within two years
(at least 40 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)

One-year certificate

50 credits within one year
(at least 20 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)

AMA PRA with Commendation

Three-year certificate

270 credits within three years
(at least 180 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)

Two-year certificate

180 credits within two years
(at least 120 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)

One-year certificate

90 credits within one year
(at least 60 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)

AMA PRA for ABMS Certification

A three-year standard certificate may be claimed for completion of American Board of Medical Specialties® member board certification, recertification or Maintenance of Certification®.

Documentation: You must attach a copy of the specialty board issued certificate or notification letter.

You do not need to complete pages 3-6. Proceed to payment information on page 7.

JCAHO compliance

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) requires that, at hospitals and health care organizations it accredits, physicians with clinical privileges document their CME. JCAHO will accept, subject to their review, correctly completed AMA PRA applications stamped “approved” by the AMA as documentation of physician compliance with JCAHO CME requirements.

Please check this box if you plan to use your AMA PRA as documentation of CME for JCAHO requirements.

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AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ activities

Most AMA PRA Category 1 Credit activities are designated by an organization accredited to provide CME (“accredited provider”) by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or a recognized state medical society. These activities will specifically reference AMA PRA Category 1 Credit in promotional materials and on certificates or transcripts if they are provided. AMA PRA Category 1 Credit may also be claimed directly from the AMA for specific activities as indicated in Section B. Finally, certain types of credit may be claimed toward the AMA PRA as equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credit, as indicated in Section C.

A. Activities designated by accredited providers

List provider-designated AMA PRA Category 1 Credit activities in which you have participated (transcripts may also be attached).

Documentation: Credit certificates do not need to be attached for activities certified by an accredited provider. You may list the activities on the application itself, or attach transcripts that specifically list the accredited organization, activity title or description, dates of participation and number of credits.

Name of accredited provider (full name, no abbreviations)	Title of activity	Date(s)	# of Cat. 1 credits

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B. AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ claimed directly from the AMA

List activities for which you are claiming AMA PRA Category 1 Credit directly from the AMA toward your AMA PRA, as indicated below. Additional documentation must be submitted to claim credit for these activities:

- **Publishing articles** (10 credits per article, one article per year toward the AMA PRA).
Lead author in a journal included in the MEDLINE bibliographic database.

Documentation: Attach a copy of the first page of article.

- **Poster presentations** (five credits each, one poster per year toward the AMA PRA).
Preparing a poster presentation, which is also included in the published abstracts, for a conference designated for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit.

Documentation: Attach the program showing the presentation abstract, name of presenter and date of activity.

- **Medically related advanced degrees** (25 credits), such as a masters in public health.
This cannot be claimed if the academic program already certified individual courses for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit.

Documentation: Attach copy of diploma or notification letter.

- **ACGME accredited residency and fellowship training** (20 credits per year completed, 60 credit maximum).

Documentation: Attach a certificate of completion, or a letter from the program director, indicating the specific residency or fellowship program and dates of participation.

Type of activity (must be one of the four types listed above)	Title of article, poster, degree or program	Date(s)	# of Cat. 1 credits

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AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™ activities

AMA PRA Category 2 Credit activities include all educational activities not designated for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ that: a) comply with the AMA definition of CME, b) comply with the AMA ethical opinions on Gifts to Physicians from Industry and on Ethical Issues in CME (i.e., are not promotional) and c) 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, and no additional documentation is needed. The complete ethical opinions referenced can be found at www.ama-assn.org/go/cmeprovider.

Physicians may claim AMA PRA Category 2 Credit for learning activities such as: teaching residents, medical students or other health professionals; unstructured online searching and learning; reading authoritative medical literature; participating in nonpromotional live activities not designated for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit; self-assessment activities; medical writing; preceptorships; small group discussions or consultation with peers and medical experts; and research.

List AMA PRA Category 2 Credit activities in which you participated (1 hour = 1 credit).

Title of activity	Subject or content area (or title, if applicable)	Date(s)	# of Cat. 2 credits (Hours spent)

Total AMA PRA Category 2 Credits: _____

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Processing fees

(Check all applicable boxes)

	<input type="checkbox"/> AMA member	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonmember	Cost
AMA PRA Standard Certificate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular (within four weeks)	\$35	\$70	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited (within one week)	\$42	\$80	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight (immediately)	\$52	\$90	\$_____
AMA PRA with Commendation			
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular (within four weeks)	\$50	\$ 100	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited (within one week)	\$57	\$ 110	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight (immediately)	\$67	\$ 120	\$_____
Duplicate copies (insert quantity)* _____			\$_____

*AMA members—receive up to three duplicate copies at no charge (additional copies \$5 each)
Nonmembers—duplicate copies are \$5 each

Total payment: \$_____

Payment information

Credit card orders:

Visa MasterCard American Express/Optima

Name (as it appears on credit card) _____

Account number _____

Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Check enclosed payable to: American Medical Association.

Submit completed application to:

Physician's Recognition Award
American Medical Association
P.O. Box 10014
Chicago, IL 60610-0014

Fax: (312) 464-4567 (credit card orders only)

The processing fee is nonrefundable.

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Thank you for your commitment to your
professional development.

We appreciate your application for the
AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

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For your reference

Learn more about:

- Your AMA PRA application or renewal (312) 464-4672 pra@ama-assn.org
- The AMA PRA informational booklet, "The Physician's Recognition Award and credit system, 2006 Revision" www.ama-assn.org/go/prabooklet
- States that accept the AMA PRA as proof of completion of CME licensing requirements www.ama-assn.org/go/praprovider
- Frequently asked questions www.ama-assn.org/go/prafaq
- Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Ethical Opinions on Physicians and CME www.ama-assn.org/go/cmeprovider
- AMA sponsored CME activities www.ama-assn.org/go/cme
- AMA membership (800) 262-3211 www.ama-assn.org/go/membership

View or update your profile on Doctor Finder www.ama-assn.org/go/doctorfinder

For your records

Date application sent: _____

Sent through (circle): Mail Fax

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