

Be recognized for your commitment to patient care through continuing medical education.

Apply for the AMA PRA

Physicians may apply for the Standard PRA or the PRA with Commendation, which recognizes the exemplary commitment of those physicians who go beyond the minimum AMA PRA credits required to obtain the standard PRA.

Definition of CME

Continuing Medical Education (CME) consists of educational 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.

Eligibility

Physicians, both AMA members and nonmembers, may apply for the PRA if they hold a valid and current license issued by one of the United States, 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 or Canada. Non-physician health professionals are not eligible.

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The PRA application can be completed online, using our secure server. Visit www.ama-assn.org/go/applypra for details.

Please check the label for your correct mailing address. If the address is incorrect, please indicate changes below:

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Telephone

Physician's Recognition Award
American Medical Association
PO Box 10014
Chicago, IL 60654

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Renew or apply for your Physician's Recognition Award today!

The Physician's Recognition Award Application



The American Medical Association

Physician's Recognition Award recognizes the achievement of those physicians who demonstrate commitment to lifelong learning and improving patient care by participating in continuing medical education.



Application Instructions

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Step 1 Physician Information

Please provide your preferred mailing address. You must include your e-mail address to enable AMA staff to communicate with you regarding this application and to receive electronic notification for your next PRA certificate.

Step 2 Apply for the AMA PRA for ABMS Certification

A three year standard certificate may be claimed for completion of American Board of Medical Specialties member board certification or MoC®. Check the box on the application and attach a copy of the certificate or letter from the ABMS board.

Step 3 Certificate Type

Please indicate the requested type and duration of your PRA certificate, which reflects CME completed prior to the submission of the application. Credit must be earned in the time frame of the certificate requested, i.e. a one year certificate requires that the credit be earned in the 12 months prior to submission, a two year certificate requires that the credit be earned in the 24 months prior to submission, a three year certificate requires that the credit be earned in the 36 months prior to submission.

New certificates will have an issue date of the first of the month following the date of the last CME activity for which credit is submitted. Renewal certificates will be dated to match your existing PRA expiration date if you earned the needed credits in the required time frame.

Step 4 Activities certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

Most AMA PRA Category 1 Credit activities are certified by an organization accredited to provide CME by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or a recognized state medical society. The

AMA also has agreements with the Canadian medical schools and CME providers accredited through the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons to allow them to award AMA PRA Category 1 Credit. These activities will specifically reference AMA PRA Category 1 Credit in promotional and educational materials and on certificates or transcripts. You may attach transcripts or the certificates issued to this application. All transcripts or certificates must list the accredited CME provider, location, activity title or description, date and number of credits.

The AMA also recognizes certain individual activities as equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credit toward the AMA PRA. Documentation must be submitted for these activities, which include:

- **Published Articles** (*10 credits per article, one per year*). Lead author (first listed) in a journal included in the MEDLINE bibliographic database. Attach first page of article with a listing of authors, publication date and name of journal.
- **Poster Presentation** (*5 credits each, one per year*). Must be presented at an activity certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit. Attach pages in program showing poster abstract, presenters, CME provider, and date of activity.
- **Teaching** (*2 credits per hour of interaction, maximum of 10 credits per year*). Must be an original presentation at an activity certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit. Attach program or announcement showing speaker, provider, date and place of activity.
- **Medically Related Advanced Degree** (*25 credits*), such as an MPH. Attach copy of diploma or notification letter.
- **ABMS member board certification and Maintenance of Certification (MoC®)** (*25 credits*). Attach a copy of the certificate or letter from the ABMS board.

Transferable credit through reciprocity

Credit for live activities may be claimed as equivalent to *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* if earned through one of the following credit systems:

- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) prescribed credit
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) formal learning cognates

You may attach transcripts or the certificates issued to this application. All transcripts or certificates must list the accredited CME provider, location, activity title or description, date and number of credits.

Step 5 AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™

AMA PRA Category 2 Credit may be self-claimed by physicians for activities, which are not certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit 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 (i.e. are not promotional) and 3) a physician finds to be a worthwhile learning experience related to his/her practice. Documentation is not needed but you should list the title of activity, subject or content area, specific dates when completed, and number of AMA PRA Category 2 Credits claimed (60 minutes = 1 credit). Examples of this type of learning activity may be found at www.ama-assn.org/go/pr.

Step 6 Suitability for Joint Commission Requirements

A PRA application form approved by the AMA can serve as a record of continuing medical education for use by a hospital or other health care organization that wishes to comply with Joint Commission standards, for appointment, reappointment, privileging and renewal of privileges. If you want this application to serve as such a record, please mark the box provided.

Step 7 Processing Fees

AMA Members pay a reduced fee, and may request at no cost up to three duplicate certificates. Nonmembers may purchase duplicate certificates for \$5 each. Please allow 3-4 weeks to process your PRA certificate. Expedited processing is also available. The processing fee is for reviewing the information and processing the certificate and is nonrefundable.

Additional Information:

- The AMA requires that at least half of the credits earned be within the physician's specialty or area of practice.
- **The AMA does not retain a copy of your PRA application.** After processing, your application will be returned to you. We recommend you retain a copy of your application and supporting documents, in case your state medical board or another entity requests them.
- 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.

Step 1 Physician Information

I hereby apply for the AMA Physician's Recognition Award, certify that all information provided is correct, and that at least half of the AMA PRA Category 1 Credits and all of the AMA PRA Category 2 Credits submitted are within my specialty or area of practice.

Signature		Date	
Name (please print or type)		Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	
Preferred Mailing Address			
City/State/Zip		Medical Education (ME) Number <small>(optional) AMA Members can find ME number on membership card</small>	
Phone Number		Fax Number	
Email Address			

Step 2 Check if applying for AMA PRA for ABMS Certification (do not complete Steps 3, 4, 5)

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.

Step 3 Certificate Type

Please indicate the duration and type of AMA PRA Certificate for which you are applying.

<input type="checkbox"/> PRA Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> PRA with Commendation
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Certificate 150 credits (at least 60 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Certificate 270 credits (at least 180 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Certificate 100 credits (at least 40 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Certificate 180 credits (at least 120 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Certificate 50 credits (at least 20 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Certificate 90 credits (at least 60 must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit)

Step 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

List activities in which you have participated and claimed AMA PRA Category 1 Credit either through an accredited CME provider, the AMA or one of the specialty societies with which the AMA has a reciprocal agreement. You may attach transcripts or certificates instead of listing activities.

Name of Accredited Provider (Full Name – No Abbreviations)	Activity Location City/State	Activity Title or Description	Activity Date	Specialty Specific	Number of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

(Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Application valid until 12/31/2012
Please contact the AMA for the current form after this date.

Total AMA PRA Category 1 Credits

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Step 5 AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™

List activities for which you are claiming AMA PRA Category 2 Credit. AMA PRA Category 2 Credit may be claimed for physician directed activities such as:

- Teaching healthcare professionals
- Online study
- Consulting with peers
- Reading authoritative medical literature
- Medical writing
- Preceptorships
- Other

Activity	Subject or content	Date(s)	Number of AMA PRA Category 2 Credit(s)

Step 6 Suitability for The Joint Commission (TJC) Requirements

The Joint Commission will accept, subject to their review, correctly completed AMA PRA applications stamped “approved” by the AMA as documentation of physician compliance with TJC CME requirements.

Please check here if you plan to use your AMA PRA as documentation of CME for TJC requirements.

Total AMA PRA Category 2 Credits

Total AMA PRA Category 1 and 2 Credits

Step 7 Processing Fees (non-refundable)

Please indicate membership status: AMA Member Non-Member†

† For AMA membership information, please visit www.ama-assn.org or call 800 262-3211. For further information on the Physician’s Recognition Award, email pra@ama-assn.org or call 312 464-4664. For full PRA policy text, see our PRA Information Booklet for Physicians, available in PDF format at www.ama-assn.org/go/prabooklet

PRA Standard Certificate

Processing Options	AMA Member	Non-Member	Quantity	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular (within 4 weeks)	\$50 each*	\$100 each**		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Express (within 2 days if complete)	\$80 each*	\$130 each**		\$

* Up to 3 duplicate copies no charge (additional copies \$5 each).

** Duplicate copies \$5 each

PRA with Commendation

Processing Options	AMA Member	Non-Member	Quantity	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular (within 4 weeks)	\$70 each*	\$140 each**		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Express (within 2 days if complete)	\$100 each*	\$170 each**		\$

* Up to 3 duplicate copies no charge (additional copies \$5 each).

** Duplicate copies \$5 each

Please complete the following:

Credit card order: Visa MasterCard American Express/Optima

Name (as it appears on credit card)

Account Number

Expiration Date

Signature

A Check enclosed payable to American Medical Association.
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American Medical Association
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Chicago, IL 60654
Fax: 312-464-4567
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