

Unconventional ways to earn CME

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You may have earned continuing medical education (CME) credit without realizing it. Learn about different ways you can earn CME with direct credit activities.

Certain learning activities, while not necessarily overseen by an accredited continuing medical education (CME) provider, still are recognized as valuable learning experiences by the AMA Council on Medical Education.

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- **Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited education.** You can earn 20 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* per year of an ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship.
- **Teaching at a live activity.** Faculty may claim two *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* for each hour they present an original presentation at a live activity certified for such credit, if this credit was not claimed by the physician through the accredited CME provider of the activity.



With the exception of “teaching at a live activity,” CME providers accredited by either the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education or a state medical society may not award credit for these activities.

Learn more about direct credit activities on the direct credit Web page, and read about how to decipher CME requirements at *AMA Wire*®.