

Activities for which *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* is awarded directly by the AMA

Some activities do not occur under the auspices of an accredited CME provider. The AMA Council on Medical Education recognizes the learning that occurs in completing these activities and allows physicians to claim *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* directly from the AMA for the activities defined in this section.

To claim credit for these activities the physician should apply to the AMA for a certificate indicating the *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* awarded for completion of each activity. Information and the direct credit application can be found on the ["Claim CME Credit From the AMA" web page](#). These activities include:

Teaching at a live activity

Preparing and presenting an original presentation at a live activity that has been certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* (if the accredited CME provider has not already awarded credit for this).

Documentation: a copy of the page(s) used by the provider to announce or describe the activity which includes the name of the speaker, accredited CME provider, AMA Credit Designation Statement, date and location of the activity.

Credit assignment: two (2) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* per one (1) hour of presentation time.

Publishing articles

Publishing, as the lead author (first listed), a peer-reviewed article in a journal included in the MEDLINE bibliographic database.

Documentation: a reprint or copy of the page(s) of the journal, which include the name of the author listed first, the name of the journal and date published.

Credit assignment: ten (10) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* per article.

Poster presentations

Preparing a poster presentation, as the first author, which is included in the published abstracts, at an activity certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

Documentation: a copy of the page(s) in the published activity documents that lists the author and poster abstract, accredited

CME provider, AMA Credit Designation Statement, title and date of activity.

Credit assignment: five (5) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* per poster.

Medically related advanced degrees

Obtaining a medically related advanced degree, such as a masters in public health (not available if the academic program certified individual courses for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*).

Documentation: a copy of the diploma or final transcript.

Credit assignment: twenty five (25) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*.

ABMS member board certification and Maintenance of Certification (MoC®)

Successfully completing an ABMS board certification or MoC process.

Documentation: a copy of the board certificate or the specialty board notification letter.

Credit assignment: sixty (60) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*.

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education accredited education

Successfully participating in an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited residency or fellowship program.

Documentation: a copy of the certificate or letter of completion from the approved residency/fellowship program

Credit assignment: twenty (20) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* per year

The successful completion of an ABMS member board certification process or an ACGME accredited residency or fellowship program also qualifies a physician for the AMA PRA. Please see the section regarding the AMA PRA or visit the ["Apply for the AMA Physician Recognition Award" web page](#).