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## The European Accreditation Council for CME (EACCME®)

*Under the impulse of a growing shift from voluntary to mandatory CME-CPD in Europe, the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) set up the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) in October 1999.*

*The UEMS-EACCME® began its activities in January 2000 with the mutual recognition of **accreditation** of EU-wide and international CME-CPD activities for live educational events through the awarding of European CME credits (ECMECs) to individual medical specialists, allowing the recognition and exchange of CME credits between all European countries.*

*In April 2009 the UEMS-EACCME® launched the accreditation of e-learning materials. By e-learning is meant the delivery of CME-CPD by methods including: recorded audio, recorded visual, recorded on Compact Disc (CD), recorded on Digital Versatile Disc (DVD), available on Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), available online via an educational website, or any mixture of the preceding.*

*The UEMS-EACCME® sets itself as the central link between the National Accreditation Authorities (NAAs), the UEMS Specialist Sections and Boards (S&Bs), the European Specialty Accreditation Boards (ESABs) and the Providers of CME activities.*

*The UEMS-EACCME® has mutual recognition agreements with the **American Medical Association (AMA)** for live events and e-learning materials and with the **Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada** for live events only.*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** *For providers which are not established in Europe, please ensure that you have read the information about our agreements with the **American Medical Association (AMA)** and the **Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada**.*

Live educational events	e-Learning materials	Recognition activities	CME-CPD
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### What is European accreditation?

European Accreditation means the decision by UEMS-EACCME<sup>®</sup> that a CME activity, event, programme or e-learning material has fulfilled the UEMS-EACCME<sup>®</sup> quality requirements. A CME activity or e-learning material will be accredited by UEMS-EACCME<sup>®</sup> if it has a high quality scientific content, if it is free of commercial bias and has an appropriate educational approach.

### What is the added value of UEMS-EACCME<sup>®</sup> accreditation?

The added value of UEMS-EACCME<sup>®</sup> lies in its central link and bridging role. From the point of view of the Providers of events, the accreditation process is less resource-consuming and easier since they do not have to apply to every National Accreditation Authorities (NAA) to have an event recognised in every European country.

On the basis of UEMS-EACCME<sup>®</sup> accreditation, the approval from the NAA of the country where the event takes place will be recognised in all the other European countries. Consequently, the added value rests in the international dimension that is given to an event. More participants from other countries and also from the USA / Canada would be interested in participating in their meetings.

CME accreditation granted by the UEMS-EACCME<sup>®</sup> also provides a guarantee to participants from all over the world that the content of the CME provided is of a high quality, unbiased and didactic and, for European doctors, that this quality will be recognised in their home country. The UEMS recognises that considerable advances are being made in the methodologies by which CME and CPD can be provided, and by which these educational opportunities are accessed by doctors. For this reason, the UEMS has agreed in principle to the accreditation by the EACCME<sup>®</sup> of new media for the delivery of CME-CPD, that go beyond traditional lectures, symposia and conferences.

### Recognition of UEMS-EACCME<sup>®</sup> accreditation

Since the UEMS-EACCME<sup>®</sup> is an institution of the UEMS which formally represents European countries, its credits are recognised by National Accreditation Authorities in Europe. As UEMS-EACCME<sup>®</sup> accreditation concerns only EU-wide and international CME-CPD activities, it is not competitive but rather complementary to the competence and activities of National Accreditation Authorities.

# Mutual recognition agreement with the American Medical Association (AMA)

*The UEMS-EACCME® and the AMA recognize each other's CME credits since 2000.*

*In 2002 the UEMS-EACCME® and the AMA signed an agreement of mutual recognition of CME credits between Europe and the USA whereby European physicians attending an event in the USA have their credits recognised in Europe and American physicians attending an event in Europe have their credits recognised in the USA.*

*This agreement was renewed in 2014 for a further period of 4 years.*

*An important development of the 2010 renewal is the inclusion of e-learning materials in the agreement.*

*E-learning activities need to be certified for credit by the process in place where the CME provider is based, i.e. AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for U.S. CME providers and ECMEC credit for organizations in countries that are represented by the UEMS.*

*The issue of territoriality is very important; both organizations are fully responsible for the activities taking place or organized in their remit. The UEMS-EACCME® is the central body for accrediting events in Europe and the AMA is the central body for accrediting events in the USA.*

## Following the agreement on the mutual recognition of credits between the American Medical Association and the UEMS-EACCME®:

**European physicians can earn their ECMEC®s by attending live events :**

- *worldwide that have been granted ECMEC®s through the UEMS-EACCME® procedure.*
- *worldwide, except in Europe, that have been certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.*

### **and completing e-learning programs :**

- *from providers from all over the world except in the United States, that have been granted ECMEC®s through the UEMS-EACCME® procedure.*
- *from accredited providers from the United States, that have been certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.*

**US physicians can earn their AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ by attending live events :**

- *worldwide that have been certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.*
- *worldwide, except in the US, that have been granted ECMEC®s through the UEMS-EACCME® procedure. ECMEC®s can be converted to AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ by contacting the AMA (see below).*

### **and completing e-learning programs :**

- *from accredited providers in the US, that have been certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.*
- *from providers from Europe that have been granted ECMEC®s through the UEMS-EACCME® procedure. ECMEC®s can be converted to AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ by contacting the AMA (see below).*
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*A procedure for the conversion from ECMEC®s into AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ is in place please see this [link](#) and a procedure for the conversion of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ into ECMEC®s will be installed when appropriate.*

# Mutual recognition agreement with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

*In December 2016, the UEMS-EACCME® signed an agreement of mutual recognition of CME credits with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. This agreement is only for live educational events and is active from 20th December 2016 through 31st December 2020.*

## Postgraduate Training

In Europe, each Member State is responsible to organise the training of medical doctors. For this purpose, national training programs, specific training centers and national assessment of medical competence have been set up in order to ensure that medical doctors are appropriately trained and able to provide the highest quality of care to the citizens.

Despite the long-standing efforts to improve the quality of care and the significant achievements made thus far, there are still discrepancies in the quality and safety of care provided to citizens from one country to another.

It is the UEMS' conviction that the quality of care is widely directly linked to the quality of training provided to the healthcare professionals. Therefore the UEMS committed itself to contribute to the improvement of medical training at the European level through the development of European Standards in the different medical disciplines.

The UEMS main actions in this regard consists in:

- [Setting the basis for European Standards in Medical Training](#)
- [Advocating for competence-based training and assessment](#)
- [Developing a mechanism of evaluation of medical Specialists' competence at the European level](#)
- [Organising European examinations](#)

## European Standards in Medical Training



Thanks to the support of its Specialist Sections and European Boards, the UEMS contributed significantly to the improvement of PGT especially through the development of European Curriculum in each medical specialties as well as the elaboration of Training Standards.

Back in 1994, the UEMS adopted its "[Charter on Training of Medical Specialists](#)" with an aim to outline the guiding principles for high level Medical Training.

Made up of six chapters, this Charter set the basis for the European approach in the field of Post Graduate Training. With five chapters being common to all specialties, this Charter provided a sixth chapter, known as "Chapter 6", that each Specialist Section was to complete according to the specific needs of their discipline.

Over the last twenty years, the UEMS Specialist Sections, European Boards, Divisions and MJs have continued working on developing these European Standards in Medical training that reflects modern medical practice and current scientific findings. In doing so, the UEMS Specialist Sections and European Boards did not aim to supersede the

National Authorities' competence in defining the content of postgraduate training in their own State but rather to complement these and ensure that high quality training is provided across Europe.

For the sake of transparency and coherence, the "Chapter 6" has been renamed as "Training Requirements for the Specialty of X". This document aims to provide the basic Training Requirements for each specialty and should be regularly updated by UEMS Specialist Sections and European Boards to reflect scientific and medical progress.

UEMS European Training Requirements adopted by UEMS Council :

- [UEMS 2013.18 - European Training Requirements Anaesthesiology.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2013.18 - Annex 1- ETR Anaesthesiology Syllabus.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2013.19 - European Training Requirements Occupational Medicine.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2013.19 - Annex 2 - ETR Occupational Medicine.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2013.19 - Annex 1 - ETR Occupational Medicine.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2013.20 - European Training Requirements in Radiation Oncology.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2013.21 - European Training Requirements General Surgery.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2013.24 - European Training Requirements Cardiology.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2013.25 - European Training Requirements Medical Microbiology.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2014.18 - European Training Requirements Child adolescent Psychiatry.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2014.19 - European Training Requirements pediatric surgery.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2014.20 - European Training Requirements Paediatric Urology.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2014.21 - European Training Requirements Rheumatology -.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2014.40 - European Training Requirements Intensive Care Medicine.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2015.29 - European Training Requirements Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery \(PRAS\).pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2015.30 - European Training Requirements in Paediatrics.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2015.30 - Annex 1 - ETR Paediatrics Curriculum.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2015.31 - European Training Requirements inTrauma Surgery.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2015.32 - European Training Requirements in Angiology-Vascular Medicine.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2015.33 - European Training Requirements in Breast Surgery.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2015.34 - European Training Requirements in Neurosurgery.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2015.34 - Annex 1 - ETR Neurosurgery - Appendix.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2016.13 - European Training Requirements Internal Medicine.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2016.14 - European Training Requirements Neurology.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2016.15 - European Training Requirements Laboratory Medicine.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2017.06 - European Training Requirements in Clinical Genetics](#) 
- [UEMS 2017.06 A - Description of the Specialty Clinical Genetics](#) 
- [UEMS 2017.06 B - Syllabus Clinical Genetics](#) 
- [UEMS 2017.07 - European Training Requirements in Nuclear Medicine](#) 
- [UEMS 2017.08 - European Training Requirements in Psychiatry](#) 

- [UEMS 2017.09 - European Training Requirements in Gastroenterology](#) 
- [UEMS 2017.29 - European Training Requirements in Dermatology & Venerology](#) 
- [UEMS 2017.30 - European Training Requirements Orthopaedics](#) 
- [UEMS 2017.31 - European Training Requirements Clinical Neurophysiology.pdf](#) 
- [UEMS 2017.32 - European Training Requirements Medical Oncology](#) 
- [UEMS 2017.33 - European Training Requirements Phlebology](#) 
- [UEMS 2017.34 - Curriculum Medical Microbiology](#) 

## Competence-Based training and assessment

The UEMS developed the idea of assessing medical specialists' competence at the European level through the evaluation of their knowledge, skills and professionalism. Thanks to the competence-based European Curricula developed for each Specialist Section, the UEMS advocate for harmonized assessment of medical training.

In this regard, the UEMS established the European [Council for Medical Specialist Qualifications \(ECAMSQ\)](#). The aim of this body is to address this issue through establishing a comprehensive mechanism of appraisal of knowledge, skills and professionalism of post-graduate medical trainees according to the highest standards of medical training in Europe.

### **Background information:**

[eHealth week - Dr Fras - May 2011 - Harmonisation of medical competence at the European level](#)