**PMA CME CODE**

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**CHAPTER I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

* **Section 1. Title**

* + **PMA Code for Continuing Medical Education, or**
  + **PMA CME Code**
* **Section 2: Contents**
  + - **Article VII, Section 3, PMA By-Laws**
      * Rules, regulations and all pertinent policies in the implementation of CME as a requirement for members of the Association;
      * Items in the judgment of the Commission on CME, are appropriate for the success of the PMA CMEProgram
* **Section 3: CME Concepts and Underlying Principles**
  + Principle that Medicine is a lifelong study, the physician owes it to himself and to his patients to continue studying Medicine during his entire professional life.
  + **CME Includes:**
    - **Scientific sessions or assemblies**
    - **Postgraduate courses**
    - **Workshops**
    - **Panel discussions**
    - **Poster sessions**
    - **Scientific film showings**
    - **Medico-legal presentations**
    - **Wet clinics**
    - **Individual learning efforts**
      * **Distant study courses**
      * **Reading of medical journals, medical reports, scientific literature (accomplishment of required questionnaire)**
      * **Taped audio or audio-visual lectures**
      * **Others ( as may be accredited by the Commission)**
    - **Individual accreditation to lecturers, researchers and others who have taken part in the delivery of CME services as provided for in the Code and granted by the Commission**
* **Section 4: PMA Responsibility**
  + **Inherent responsibility** of the PMA as a national professional organization of physicians to make continuing medical education available to its members
    - **- CME credits units for membership in good standing**
* **Section 5: Cooperation with the Government and with Local and Foreign Organizations**
  + - The Commission may grant CME accreditation to any scientific activity with CME value upon its own initiative or upon application of sponsoring organizations

**CHAPTER II   
THE PMA COMMISSION ON CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

* **Section 6: Organization**
  + Policy-making, planning and administration of the CME program of the PMA
  + Six members appointed by the President with concurrence of the Board of Governors
  + Term of office: 3 years
  + Referred to as the CME Commission and its members as Commissioners
* **Section 7: Functions and Duties**
  + Promulgate, enforce and implement the PMA CME Code and rules, regulations and guidelines;
  + Receive, investigate and mediate complaints regarding CME units within the PMA area of responsibility;
  + Monitor and maintain an adequate record of the CME units earned by the members of the Association;
  + Supervise and coordinate with the component society and affiliate societies and other providers of CME in the implementation of scientific programs or activities;
  + Supervise and administer a well equipped Secretariat in the performance of its record keeping;
  + Coordinate with the Committee on Archives and Library in the updating of journals and other CME materials for the PMA Library and centralize and coordinate all library matters within the scope of the CME Library;
  + Manage and operate the PMA Center for Continuing Medical Education (Sec1.1, Art. XI, PMA By-Laws)
  + Undertake all such other functions and duties as may be prescribed in the PMA By-Laws, or as it may deem necessary and proper for the attainment of the goals and objectives of the CME Program of the PMA
* **Section 12: Divisions of the Commission**

1. Sub-Commission on Component Society CME

2. Sub-Commission on Affiliate Society and Medical School CME

3. Sub-Commission on PMA-Sponsored CME

4. Sub-Commission on Government & Private Hospitals CME

5. Sub-Commission on Individual CME

6. Sub-Commission on CME Center

**CHAPTER III**

CME ACCREDITATION

* **Section 29: Aspects of CME Accreditation**
  + - **FIRST: Accreditation by the commission of the educational activity and the assignment of CME units thereto;**
    - **SECOND: Accreditation or award by the Commission of CME credit units earned by participants in the educational activity.**
* **PROCESSES INVOLVED IN CME UNITS ACCREDITATION**

**I. Group Accreditation**

* 1. **Pre-Activity Processes**

**Organizing Society CME Commission**

**Awards CME Units**

**to the Scientific Program**

**CME Secretariat**

**Organizing Society**