

## Texas State Board of Medical Examiners CME Requirements

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners (TSBME) required physicians to complete 24 hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) during the **12** months preceding annual registration of their medical license.

This requirement may be fulfilled through participation in both formal and informal CME activities.

### Formal Activities:

**At least 12 hours** must be completed through participation in formal CME hours, but all 24 may be completed in this category. Courses which are formally designated for credit are:

- Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association
- Prescribed credit of the American Academy of Family Physicians
- Category 1A credit of the American Osteopathic Association.

*Brochures or promotional materials for CME activities and self instructional courses will carry a specific statement advising physicians if the activity has been approved for any of the above types of credit.*

### Informal Activities:

Physicians may complete up to 12 hours (of the required 24 hours) by participating in informal CME activities. The following may be reported as informal hours:

- Conferences, seminars, grand rounds, etc. not designated for formal credit
- Self instructional materials or courses,
- reading clinically relevant medical journals,
- use of literature search databases in connection with the provision of patient care,
- participation in patient care review activities,
- research/preparation time for medical presentations,
- up to ten hours may be claimed for:
  - publication of a medical or medically related article;
  - for each chapter of a medical or medically related book or other medical education material;
  - preparation of an exhibit displayed at a scientific medical meeting or other CME activity.

Physicians will be required by the TSBME to have obtained **one** of the 12 formal hours of CME required for licensure in the area of ethics and/or professional responsibility.