

The End of CME Credit Offered in the *Journal*

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One of the first changes to the *Journal* initiated when I became editor in 2002 was the introduction of continuing medical education (CME) articles.¹ In the first year of this offering, 1,010 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ were awarded,² and CME articles have continued to be popular. Thus, all of us at the *Journal* were dismayed to find that the new CME criteria implemented November 30, 2008,

by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) has dramatically changed the policies and procedures concerning CME offerings. As a result, continuing to offer AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ for CME has become an extremely onerous task. This was brought home with a bang when in a recent issue of the *Journal*, all four articles, including mine, intended for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ were not approved under the new ACCME

criteria. This was despite the fact that each of the authors had spent at least twice the time preparing the offering as we had in the past.

Because of the new criteria for CME, completing the required paperwork now takes as much time as writing not only the questions, but also the article itself, which assures that no author, including myself, will be willing to participate. Thus, with considerable sadness we at the *Journal* abandon offering AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ for CME under the present rules. We do this with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees of the *Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society*, the LSMS Educational and Research Foundation's Continuing Medical Education Committee, and the Chief Executive Officer of the *Journal*.

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LSMS Calendar - 2009

June 25, 2009

Louisiana Regular Legislative Session Adjourns

July 8, 2009

Retired Physician Section Meeting
LSMS Headquarters

September 16, 2009

Board of Governors
LSMS Headquarters

October 14, 2009

Retired Physician Section Meeting
LSMS Headquarters

November 7-10, 2009

AMA Interim Meeting
Houston

December 9, 2009

Board of Governors
LSMS Headquarters

Upcoming Date in 2010

January 29-30, 2010

The Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates will be held January 29th and 30th, at the L'auberge du Lac Resort, located in Lake Charles, Louisiana. More details will follow in upcoming issues of the member newsletter, *Capsules*.