



Continuing Professional Development of physicians and accreditation of e- learning activities in Poland

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Poland (Republic of Poland)

- Central Europe (neighbours: Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, Russian Federation (Kaliningrad District))
- Population of 38.000.000
- Capital: Warsaw (1.700.000 inhabitants)
- Language: Polish
- Since 2004 Member State of the European Union
- Physicians: 130.000 (121.000 with active license)

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Chambers of Physicians and Dentists in Poland

Public law organisation of professional self-government (Law on the medical chambers)

Represent and associate two professions:
all (129.241) medical doctors and all (35.231) dental practitioners

Organizational structure:

- Polish (Supreme) Chamber of Physicians and Dentists
- 23 regional chambers, 1 chamber of military physicians and dentists

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Continuing Professional Development

Physicians in Poland are required (by both medical ethics and state law) to take active part in Continuing Professional Development.

A credit points system is applied - 200 points have to be collected in a period of every 4 years.

CPD may be conducted in the form of various events regulated by law and the points are awarded according to the scale.

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- Generally 1 point per 1 hour of education
- Also 0,2 point for correct answer for 1 question within electronic educational program

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The chambers play an important role in CPD:

1. Registration of CPD providers (so called regulated form of entrepreneurship);
2. Accreditation of CPD events (a condition for credit points being collected by participants);
3. Supervision over CPD events (possibility for deregistration);
4. Confirmation and registration of credit points collected by physicians;
5. Supervision over the fulfilment of the CPD obligation by physicians.

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Chambers themselves also provide CPD events.

Recently Polish Chamber was engaged in creating an educational coded TV channel for physicians which offers numerous CPD courses, has built an e-learning platform within its www site. Numerous traditional educational events are provided by regional chambers.

E-learning

E-learning is one of the possible forms of medical CPD in Poland.

E-courses have to be recommended by medical scientific societies.

Credit points can be obtained by participants only after answering questions included.

E-learning accreditation conditions (choosed)

- In case of distance learning course participants should be delivered with necessary materials (among others bibliography, instructions, questions).
- In case of educational programe with a test it should consist of 5 choice questions with at least 1 correct answer.
- In case of using a limited access net authorized users system must be delivered, contact with teachers via net should be guaranteed and a test must be attached

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