

UPDATE ON THE SINGAPORE MEDICAL JOURNAL CME PROGRAMME

The Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ) Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programme was launched in June 2004, after the SMJ was accredited as a Category 3B CME Provider by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) on 22 May 2004. The SMJ CME Programme was accredited with 1 non-core CME point per article.

Since then, two articles of general educational value to the medical profession have been published in each issue of the SMJ.

Over the past six years, the SMJ has been publishing CME articles on various topics in the following categories: Review Articles, Commentaries, Basic Statistics for Doctors, Evidence-Based Medicine & Healthcare, Tips from the Experts, Pictorial Essays, Clinics in Diagnostics, Electrocardiographic cases and Effective Medical Writing series.

The SMC has recently accredited the SMJ as a Provider for Category 3B CME activity for the Ministry of Health (MOH) Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) CME Series, which started in the February 2010 issue of the SMJ. Each CPG article is accredited with 1 CME point, with core points in Family Medicine.

I wish to encourage more readers to participate in the online Category 3B CME activity. On average, the SMJ receives between 200 to 300 submissions for each CME article.

As you update yourself on the new Clinical Practice Guidelines that are being issued and other CME articles, you can claim 1 CME point per article, be it core or non-core. If you attain a passing score of 60%, your name will be added to the list of doctors to be awarded CME points. SMA will send the list to SMC at the end of each time period.

Doctors are able to claim 1 CME point for self-study (reading) of the CPG (Category 3A). In approving SMJ as the provider for Category 3B CME for the CPG, the SMC has informed us that doctors may submit only 1 claim under either Category 3A or 3B for the same CPG.

The SMJ is committed to publishing a minimum of 2 Category 3B CME articles per issue.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I wish to thank all our colleagues for taking time off their busy schedule to prepare the CME articles. I am glad that our online CME activities have been well received by readers. I wish to encourage more readers to participate in the online CME activity and warmly welcome your feedback or suggestions to help us improve. Please email your feedback to smj@sma.org.sg. Thank you.

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