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The Spanish Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education

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BACKGROUND

By December 15, 1997, 17 Spanish Autonomous Regions, the Spanish Minister of Health and the Spanish Minister of Education, signed the “Convenio de Conferencia Sectorial” about continuing education of health professions, endorsed by the “Consejo Interterritorial del Sistema Nacional de Salud”(Administrative ruling of the Deputy Minister of Health of December 22, 1997; BOE nº 38 of February 13, 1998)

Based on that “Convenio”, the Spanish Commission on Continuing Education of Health Professions was created, being made up by a representative of each one of the 17 Autonomous Regions, a representative of the Ministry of Education, a representative of the Ministry of Health and the president of the Spanish Medical Association when the Commission specifically develops the continuing medical education (CME) programme.

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In 1999 the Spanish Commission started its accreditation system, and several Autonomous Regions created their Autonomous Commissions according to the forecasts of the aforementioned “Convenio”, adding to the existing Commission of the Autonomous Region of Catalonia, created in 1989.

By February 8 2002 (BOE nº 81 of April 4 2002), an agreement (“Convenio de colaboración en materia de formación continuada de las profesiones sanitarias”) was signed between the Spanish Ministry of Education, the Spanish Ministry of Health and the Spanish Medical Association. This agreement entrusts to the Spanish Medical Association the capacity of implementing a specific accreditation system for CME activities, based on the Spanish Commission criteria and under the supervision of those Ministries.

Developing this entrusted mission to the Spanish Medical Association, the SACCME was created in January 29, 2003, having implemented its accreditation system in 2003.

WHAT IS SACCME

SACCME is the Spanish Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, created with the aim of developing the mission formally entrusted to the Spanish Medical Association.

WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF SACCME

The Spanish Medical Association, the Spanish Federation of Scientific-Medical Societies, the Spanish Assembly of Deans of Medical Schools and the Spanish Council of Medical Specialties are the members of SACCME

HOW IS OPERATING SACCME

SACCME has the Steering Committee, a Technical Director, a Technical Secretariat, the Evaluation Committee, the Auditing Committee and the Liaison Committee.

The SACCME accreditation system is using the Spanish Commission criteria and standards for the CME activities accreditation-certification.

In order to maximize the benefits for the Spanish doctors, SACCME is integrated in the UEMS accreditation system and has signed formal agreements with the US Accreditation Council for CME and the American Medical Association.

WHO CAN SUBMIT CME ACTIVITIES TO BE ACCREDITED-CERTIFIED BY SACCME

According to the SACCME basis, the four institutions being members of it are able to submit for accreditation-certification the CME activities they organize by themselves or through their associated organizations. Other public and private CME providers can submit their activities for accreditation-certification to SACCME by means of one of the SACCME members that formally recognise them; in these cases, the concerned SACCME member will be responsible for the compliance of the SACCME rules and requirements.

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