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CME QUESTIONNAIRE 2003

Country:

The Netherlands

Organization:

National Association of General Practitioners in the Netherlands (Dutch: Landelijke Huisartsen Vereniging, LHV)_____

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NB. Unfortunately my computer could not match the supposed outline of the questionnaire. Therefore I have typed my replies with a YES or NO directly after the question. My apologies for this.

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Definition of terms employed

Accreditation - procedures by which an official organ confers formal recognition of the competence of an organization or individual to carry out specific tasks.

Certification - procedure by which a third party confers written assurance that a product, a system or a person fulfill certain specified ground requirements.

Registration - systematic documentation concerning an individual doctor's CME activities.

Registration systems can involve the setting of quantitative norms. By deciding what can be registered, qualitative norms are incorporated into the process.

1. CME activities

- Does national accreditation of CME activities exist? YES X no N/A 1)
- if yes – is it by the state? NO yes XX no
 N/A
- if yes – is it by the profession? YES yes no
 N/A X
- If yes - is there accreditation of individual courses? YES yes X no N/A
- Accreditation for those offering CME? YES yes no
 N/A
- Accreditation of offers from the pharmaceutical industry? YES yes no
N/A

How is the educational curriculum developed?

- Nationally? NO yes no
 N/A
- Individually? YES yes no
 N/A
- Is there national coordination of the CME curriculum? YES yes no
N/A
- Are there national or local colleges that are trained to take part
 in CME activities (mentor functions)? YES yes no
 N/A

Comments:

- Is the current status (or direction) desirable from the point
of view of the GP's? YES yes no
 N/A

- Are there specific barriers to the attainment of the goals set?
(use extra sheet if necessary)

NO

2. Obligatory CME?

Do national requirements concerning obligatory CME exist? YES yes no
 N/A

- If yes, are there sanctions? YES yes no
 N/A

- Economic sanctions? NO yes no
 N/A

- Is there possibility of losing the right to practice? YES yes no
N/A

- Other? yes no
 N/A NO

Please specify:

Recertification every five years makes CME obligatory. One of the conditions is 200 hours of certified CME. When not meeting this condition one loses the right to practice as a GP for sick fund patients, making out roughly of 60 % of an average GP Practice. (Cf. article 36, subsection 1 of Directive 93/16). Consequence is usually stopping working as a GP. Appeals nearly always are unsuccessful.

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of the GP's? YES yes no
 N/A

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(use extra sheet if necessary) NO

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There is one. It is the unaccessability of those GP's who apparently have not requested reaccreditation and are struck of the list of GP's of the Royal Dutch Medical Association. They are informed about it and only then show up and take action, usually too late. That is tragic, because their income is at stake. They should have been taken by the hand by the local GP associations for example, but their data the RDMA is not allowed to make known because of the Dutch privacy law.

3. Does recertification take place?

(i.e. a procedure by which a third party certifies in writing that the individual doctor fulfills specified CME requirements?)
 N/A YES yes no

- If yes, who is responsible for recertification?

- Central authorities? NO yes no
 N/A

- Medical organizations? YES yes no
 N/A

- Other NO yes no
 N/A

Please specify:

In the individual health care professions act is built in the possibility that under certain conditions national medical organisations may set up a system of (re)accreditation. So the Dutch Royal Medical Association has committees for the (re)accreditation of basic doctors as medical specialists, such as GP's, other medical specialists, and for doctors for occupational medicine.

Does recertification take place on the background of quantitative CME registration? YES yes no
 N/A

- Are qualitative CME factors taken into consideration? YES yes no
 N/A

Are special diplomas issued following completion of courses? YES yes no
 N/A

- If yes, does this diploma system result in a form of sub-specialization

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- Are there specific barriers to the attainment of the goals set?
(use extra sheet if necessary) NO

5. Responsibilities

Are the medical political organizations directly involved in the responsibility for the individual doctor's CME activity? YES
yes no N/A

In The Netherlands the Dutch GP Association feels herself responsible for the quality level of the courses developed by the working groups (of each local GP association) for the promotion of GP expertise. In her by-law it is stated therefore that each of her 80 local GP associations has to set up such a working group. On a more interregional level CME co-ordinators, paid by the Dutch GP Association stimulate, coordinate and give a helping hand.

- Is there in the system a policy formulated on this? YES
yes no
N/A

- In this system are organizational instruments set up to help the individual? NO
yes no
 N/A

- In this system are there action systems formulated and set in force? YES
yes no
 N/A

Are the national academic organizations involved in the development of CME? YES
yes
 no N/A

- Involved with the formulation of the requirements of the content of CME? NO
yes no
 N/A

- With the gathering of data concerning CME? NO
yes no
 N/A

Does organized registration of CME take place? YES
yes no
N/A

Is a national policy formulated concerning registration? YES
yes no
N/A

If yes:

- Is that policy formulated and set in force by the health authorities? NO
yes
 no N/A

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- By the medical association? YES yes no
 N/A

- By the academic organizations? NO yes no
 N/A

Comments:

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 N/A

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1) N/A = NOT APPLICABLE