The Pennsylvania Board of Medicine requires that physicians participate in continuing medical education (CME) in order to practice in the state. For the period from January 2007 through December 31, 2008 physicians will be required to attest that they have completed the following CME for medical license renewal:

- At least 100 CME credits, 20 of which must be in AMA PRA Category 1<sup>tm</sup>. The remaining 80 hours may be in Category 1 or 2.
- At least 12 credits in the area of patient safety and risk management. These may be either Category 1 or 2 and may be used to satisfy the overall 100 hour requirement.

UPMC physicians should begin preparing for the upcoming renewal by reviewing all of the CME activities that they have attended since January 1, 2007. The UPMC Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences (CCEHS) offers online credit transcripts, [https://ccehs.upmc.edu/credit-transcripts.jsp](https://ccehs.upmc.edu/credit-transcripts.jsp), containing records of attendance at all activities certified by the center. It is important for physicians to remember to register their attendance at these programs to assure that CME credits are recorded.

Many opportunities exist for obtaining Category 1 credits. For a complete listing visit the CCEHS website at [http://ccehs.upmc.edu](http://ccehs.upmc.edu). To earn credits online visit University of Pittsburgh Internet Based Studies in Education and Research, [http://cme.hs.pitt.edu](http://cme.hs.pitt.edu). The site offers over 100 modules including over 40 modules meeting the criteria of patient safety and risk management.

Physicians may self-declare Category 2 credits. Category 2 credits may include reading journal articles; consultation with colleagues; and teaching residents, medical students, and other health professionals. The regulations state that Category 2 credit hours must be documented in the form of a physician log, diary or journal note describing the nature of their participation.

For more information on Pennsylvania licensure requirements for MDs and DOs visit the Pennsylvania Medical Society website, [http://www.pamedsoc.org/AudienceNavigation/Physicians/MDDO.aspx](http://www.pamedsoc.org/AudienceNavigation/Physicians/MDDO.aspx). To view the complete Pennsylvania license renewal requirements, visit the State Board of Medicine website, [http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/lib/bpoa/20/medbd/cme_md_unrestriced_licesne.pdf](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/lib/bpoa/20/medbd/cme_md_unrestriced_licesne.pdf).