



European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology

EBAC ACCREDITATION POLICY FOR CME ARTICLES

1. All EBAC policies, guidelines and requirements concerning accreditation of CME events are valid for CME programmes provided at distance and should be fully respected.
2. The CME provider is a scientifically or academically affiliated journal. The person responsible for the application is the editor of the educational section/supplement of the journal, otherwise the journal's editor-in-chief.

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3. Cooperation with medical and/or IT industry is allowed and must comply with "EBAC Guidelines on Commercial Support".
4. The author(s) of the CME article(s) should be internationally recognized as experts in the field, and be affiliated with a teaching or research institution (i.e. university, teaching hospital, research institute), or have documented experience in medical education. Authors should disclose potential conflicts of interest. This information should be displayed at the end of the CME article.
5. The CME provider must provide users with an objective evaluation instrument. EBAC recommends the use of a Multiple Choice Questionnaire. The MCQ should contain a *minimum* of 6 questions per 30 minutes of educational activity.

The evaluation is considered positive when at least 60% of the answers are correct. A CME certificate will be delivered only after the reception of a positive result of an evaluation. Questions for evaluation have to be defined by the author or editor and should appropriately test the physician's understanding of the CME article.

6. The CME provider must offer physicians a convenient way of obtaining their CME certificates. A web-based system is recommended.
7. EBAC accreditation is valid for 2 years from the article's publication date. If the article is a part of a Core Curriculum Programme, EBAC accreditation can be extended.
8. Advertising of any kind is not allowed within the accredited CME article.
9. The journal must include the EBAC Accreditation Statement and the number of CME credits awarded.

Accreditation includes the time to read the article and answer questions.

EBAC recommends articles of about 3 500 words (excluding references) and six MCQ, which would be equivalent to 1 hour (60 minutes) of educational activity (1 CME credit).