

## **Authorized Wording for CME Activity Announcements**

The Accreditation Statement must appear on all CME activity materials and brochures distributed, except that the accreditation statement does not need to be included on initial, save-the-date type activity announcements. Such announcements contain only general, preliminary information about the activity such as the date, location, and title. If more specific information is included, such as faculty and objectives, the accreditation statement must be included.

The AMA Credit Designation Statement indicates to physicians that the activity has been certified by an accredited CME provider as being in compliance with AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ requirements. The AMA Credit Designation Statement must be listed separately from accreditation or other statements

Below is the correct format to be used for both statements:

The Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC) is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality/California Medical Association (IMQ/CMA) to provide continuing medical education (CME) for physicians.

The SCVMC designates this (learning format e.g., Medicine Grand Rounds) educational activity for a maximum of \_(#)\_ AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s) <sup>TM</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Please note:** CME may **never** indicate that "AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ has been applied for, pending, expected, desired, or any similar wording until the final approval from the CME Committee.

# **Credit Certificates, transcripts or other Documented Credit**

NOTE: Only physicians (MDs, DOs and those with equivalent medical degrees from another country) may be awarded AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

As an accredited provider we must be able to provide documentation to participating physicians of the credit at the request of the physician. The documentation must accurately reflect, at a minimum, the following:

- Physician's name
- Name of accredited CME provider
- Title of activity
- Learning format
- Location of activity (if applicable)
- Date(s) of live activity or date that physician completed the activity
- Number of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ awarded



#### **EXAMPLES OF CERTIFICATE LANGUAGE**

Below are language examples to be used on certificates awarding AMA PRA Category  $1Credit^{TM}$  to Physicians and designating credit for Non-Physicians who attend a CME Activity.

#### **EXAMPLE OF PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATE OF CREDIT**

The Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC) is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality/California Medical Association (IMQ/CMA) to provide continuing medical education (CME) for physicians.

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The SCVMC certifies that [name of physician]&[degree] has participated in the [learning format] titled [title of activity] [at location, when applicable] on [date] and is awarded [number of] AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s) $^{\text{TM}}$ .

### **EXAMPLE OF NON-PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE**

The Santa Clara Valley Medical Center is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality/California Medical Association (IMQ/CMA) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Santa Clara Valley Medical Center certifies that [name of non-physician participant] has participated in the [learning format, e.g., Medicine Grand Rounds] titled [title of activity] [at location, when applicable] on [date]. This activity was designated for [number of]  $AMA\ PRA\ Category\ 1\ Credit(s)^{TM}$ .

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