

# The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc.



## Acceptance of Patient Safety CME Credits Policy

The American Board of Plastic Surgery requires a minimum of 20 patient safety CME credits in years 3, 6 and 9 of the 10 year certification cycle for those diplomates participating in the Maintenance of Certification in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS®) Program. This policy was developed to assist those diplomates who do not regularly collect CME credits related to patient safety.

The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) defines CME as activities which cover the full range of topics important to the professional development of health care practitioners – from the latest breakthroughs in medical research to communication skills. Patient Safety CME activities will emphasize quality and safety in patient care, including prevention of medical errors, reducing harm and preventable mortality.

The following CME activities are examples of acceptable patient safety credits:

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Basic Life Support (BLS)
- Morbidity and Mortality Conferences for which CME is awarded by an ACCME provider
- Courses and Journal Articles designated for Patient Safety Credit
- Prevention of complications and Risk Management (e.g. DVT Prophylaxis, prevention of infection, operating room procedures and protocols, etc.)

If the title of the educational activity as listed on the completion certificate or CME report is not clear that patient safety issues were addressed, the CME will be reviewed by the Executive Director for acceptance. Patient Safety CME activities submitted for Category II credit must be documented by a CME provider. For example, ASPS identifies patient safety activities on the CME report provided to members.



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