

**Guidelines for Minimally Acceptable Continuing  
Medical Education in Anesthesiology**

**Committee of Origin: Professional Education Oversight**

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1. To support the goal of life-long learning, a physician's continuing medical education program should address gaps in knowledge, reinforce up-to-date and existing knowledge and allow the physician to remain current in the standards of practice. To support the continuing education needs for members, the Society will continue to provide continuing medical education in its many forms as well as coordinate and promote the availability of accredited continuing medical education programs and materials from other organizations.
2. Approved postgraduate educational experience may include both AMA PRA Category 1 and 2 credits™ and it is suggested that the credits be obtained as outlined below.

**2.1 Category 1 (Minimum of 250 credits in 10 years) –**

The Society believes a minimum of 250 credits should be earned from educational activities that meet the AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ requirements over 10 years or 25 credits each year. In addition, the Society recommends 20 Patient Safety Category 1 CME be earned during each 10 year period.

**2.2 Category 2 (Maximum 100 credits in 10 years) –**

The Society recommends that a maximum of 100 credits be earned over 10 years from educational activities that meet the AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™.