

# Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Frequently Asked Questions

## Why is the CPSM doing this now?

Physicians have a professional responsibility to demonstrate that they are engaged in lifelong learning and ongoing continuing competence. Society today expects that physicians demonstrate this participation. An amendment to Regulation 25/03 of *The Medical Act* requires physician participation in one of the national college programs.

## What must I do to demonstrate satisfactory participation?

You must enroll in the Mainpro program (College of Family Physicians) or the MOC/CPD program (Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons). You must accrue a minimum number of credits per year (see below).

## Is membership in the Royal College or the College of Family Physicians a requirement for CPD?

No. Membership in and/or certification by the College of Family Physicians is not, and will not be, a requirement for participation in CPD.

If you have never been a member of the Royal College, you may enroll in their CPD program without taking out full membership. However, if you are a past Fellow of the Royal College, you must rejoin the Royal College in order to participate in the CPD program.

## How can I get more details about Mainpro?

Go to the College of Family Physicians of Canada website at [www.cfpc.ca](http://www.cfpc.ca) or e-mail [mainprocredits@cfpc.ca](mailto:mainprocredits@cfpc.ca). You may also call the College of Family Physicians' national office Mainpro hotline at 1-800-387-6197 ext. 204 or 243.

## How do I get more details about MOC/CPD?

Go to the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada website at <http://rcpsc.medical.org/> "Education & CPD" or call 1-800-461-9598 or e-mail [cpd@royalcollege.ca](mailto:cpd@royalcollege.ca).

## How do I report earned CPD credits?

You will report your credits to either Mainpro (CFPC) or Mainport (RCPSC).

Mainpro participants must accrue 25 credits annually (with a total of 250 credits within their 5 year cycle).

Maintenance of Certification/CPD participants must accrue at least 40 credits annually (with a total of 400 credits within their 5 year cycle).

## **What information regarding CPD am I required to provide to the CPSM?**

At the top of the “Clinical Competence/MPAR” form which you are required to complete every year at license renewal time, please complete the appropriate section confirming your participation in a CPD-tracking program and that you will meet the minimum number of credits required for the year.

## **What must I declare when my CPD cycle is completed?**

In the year ending your 5-year cycle, you must also confirm that you will be in compliance with meeting the required number of credits.

Nothing further is required if you have signed and returned your Authorization for Release of Information. The College will access this information from the CFPC or the RCPSC.

If you have not authorized the College to obtain information about your CPD credits with the CFPC or the RCPSC, you will be required to provide proof of successful completion of your program cycle. You may also be required to provide proof of completion of declared credits to the College upon request.

## **Are there any exemptions to mandated CPD? I am semi-retired, only do house calls or have administrative duties only. Do I still need to participate?**

All physicians must participate. Exemptions or deferrals may be granted on an individual basis and only for exceptional, extenuating reasons. Requests for exemptions are to be directed to the Deputy Registrar. Please include, in writing specific details pertaining to your current practice activities with such requests.

### **Contacts:**

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