

# About the MSNJ Physician's Recognition Award (PRA)

## ELIGIBILITY

Active Physician members of the Medical Society of New Jersey are eligible to apply for the MSNJ PRA if they hold a valid and current license issued by the state of New Jersey, or are engaged in residency training in an accredited program in the United States. Information concerning licensure or residency for U.S. physicians must be on record in the American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Master File.

## BASIC REQUIREMENTS

All learning experiences must comply with the AMA/MSNJ definition of CME. All learning experiences must comply with AMA/MSNJ ethical opinions on Gifts to Physicians from Industry and on Ethical Issues in CME. It is required that at least half of the credits earned be within the physicians' specialty or area of practice. Copies of the supporting documents for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* must accompany the application.

## TYPES OF CERTIFICATES

Physicians may apply for either the Standard MSNJ PRA certificate or for a certificate "With Commendation".

### STANDARD PRA CERTIFICATE

**3-year certificate: 150 credits total**

Minimum of 60 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*

Remaining 90 credits in Category 1 or 2

### PRA CERTIFICATE WITH COMMENDATION

**3-year certificate: 270 credits total**

Minimum of 180 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*

Remaining 90 credits in Category 1 or 2

## AMA PRA CATEGORY 1 CREDIT™

Activities are designated for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit* by organizations accredited by either the ACCME or a recognized State Medical Society. Activities designated for Category 1 credit will be so specified on the activity announcement. Cate-

## AMA PRA CATEGORY 1 CREDIT™ ... continued

gory 1 credit can also be obtained directly from the AMA for certain other specific activities. For complete PRA policy text and details, refer to the *AMA Physician's Recognition Award and credit system information booklet* available in PDF format at: <http://www.ama-assn.org/go/prc>

## ABMS - American Board of Medical Specialties

Recognition for successful completion of an ABMS board certification process is in one of two ways:

1. Endorsement for three-year MSNJ PRA certificate. Attach a copy of the certificate or specialty board notification letter.
2. Credit assignment: Twenty-five (25) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*. To be awarded actual *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*, you must apply to the AMA for Direct Credit.

## RESIDENCY, FELLOWSHIP

Physicians earn 50 credits of Category 1 credit per year for full- or part-time participation as residents or

Attach a copy of the diploma or transcript to the application. Recognition for the successful completion of an ACGME accredited residency or fellowship program is in one of two ways:

1. Endorsement for a one, two, or three-year MSNJ PRA certificate. Attach a copy of the diploma or transcript to the application.
2. Credit assignment: Twenty (20) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits* per year (up to three years). For actual *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*, you must apply to the AMA for Direct Credit.

## "OTHER" CATEGORY 1

The AMA recognizes certain other individual CME activities and will issue direct Category 1 credit for the following activities as well: Faculty at CME courses, Published Articles, Poster Presentations, Medical Related Advanced Degrees, Independent Learning and certain Specialty Board Certification and Recertification. To obtain the AMA Direct Credit application, go to <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/455/pracategory1.pdf>

## CATEGORY 2

Category 2 activities, which are not designated by an accredited provider, represent physician self-directed learning. Generally self-documented, these activities include informal teaching of residents, medical students or other health professionals, unstructured online searching and learning, reading authoritative medical literature, participating in non-promotional live activities not designated for *AMA PRA Category 1*, self-assessment activities, medical writing, preceptorships small group discussions with peers and medical experts, and research. Credit claimed should equal the actual time spent on the activity (1 hour = 1 credit). A log of some sort should be maintained by the physician.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The award is based on CME activities for the three years (36 months) immediately preceding the date of application. Credit award certificates, specialty society and hospital CME transcripts must identify the learner, the accredited provider, the activity topic, activity date, and the number of credits awarded.

Do not send originals. Physicians are required to keep CME records for a minimum of 6 years. PRA Certificates will be dated as processed unless otherwise indicated or per the education reported. There is no additional fee to process your PRA. The PRA is free member benefit. Thank you for your continued support! For further information or assistance please call 609-896-1766, x217.

Mail completed application to:

MSNJ  
CME – PRA  
2 Princess Rd  
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

If your application is 25 pages or less, you may fax to: 609-896-1347

Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing.

# MSNJ Physician's Recognition Award Application

1 Indicate which certificate you are applying for:

- Standard MSNJ PRA (Total of 150 credits, minimum of 60 category 1 credits in the 36 months preceding date of application)
- MSNJ PRA with COMMENDATION (Total of 270 credits, minimum of 180 category 1 credits in the 36 months preceding date of application)

2 **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™**: MSNJ PRA processing now requires physicians to send copies (do not send originals) of the credit award certificates and/or transcripts received (primary source documents) for the activities you participated in and were awarded **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™**.

- a. Please put the documents in chronological order
- b. Indicate here the total number of **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits** you are submitting primary source documents for →
- c. Indicate beginning and ending dates of the CME being reported: Begin Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. How many **Category 1 credits** were earned since July 1, 2007? →

3 **AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™**:

Examples: Teaching other Health Professionals: Provide subject, dates, and # hours of student contact  
 Medical Research: Include subject and # hours of study.  
 Reading Authoritative Medical Journals: Name of Journal and # hours spent reading.

Peer Consultations: Provide names of those consulted with, dates, and # hours.  
 Conferences not designated for Category 1: Indicate provider, subject, date and # of hours.

LIST ANY CATEGORY 2 ACTIVITIES or ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR LOG	DATE(S)/DATE RANGE	# CATEGORY 2 CREDITS

**Total Category 2 Credits**  
**GRAND TOTAL: Category 1 & 2**

4 I hereby apply for the MSNJ Physician's Recognition Award and certify that all information provided is correct, and that at least half of the credits are within my specialty or area of practice.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Medical Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Medical Specialty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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