CME that Counts for ABS Continuous Certification
Information for ABS Diplomates

What’s new?

- The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®) and the American Board of Surgery (ABS) have collaborated to expand opportunities for you to earn credit towards your Continuous Certification (CC) requirements for the CME activities in which you are already participating.
- The societies, hospitals, and other organizations who provide CME for surgeons can report your credit through ACCME directly to the ABS.
- ABS directly receives details of your participation from the ACCME. You should not self-report CME credit that is reported by the CME provider.

What do I do?

- ABS diplomates can use the CME Passport to search for relevant activities that have already been registered by CME organizations and will count towards your ABS CC requirements.
- CME credit acceptable for ABS CC must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ obtained from CME providers accredited in the ACCME System or providers accredited by Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™.
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How can I find CME activities that will count towards my ABS CC requirements?

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What if the CME activity is not registered for ABS CC?

- If you engage in a CME activity that you would like counted towards your ABS CC requirements, ask the educational provider offering the CME activity to report your credit to ACCME.
- If the CME provider has questions about how to report your CME credit for ABS CC, please direct them to the ACCME (info@accme.org) and ACCME staff can walk them through the process.
- Physician interest and encouragement can be the best way to help drive CME organizations to expand CME activity offerings.

What Information do I need to give to CME providers?

- For CME organizations to report your activity completion information to the ABS, you need to provide three pieces of information: your First Name, Last Name, and Date of Birth (MM/DD only). Note: If you know your ABS ID#, you may be asked to provide this as well.
- You will need to give the CME organization your permission to submit your participation data on your behalf to the ABS.
- If you are unsure of the exact steps to claim CME credit for ABS CC, reach out to the accredited CME organization.