

# SOCIAL SECURITY IN-HOUSE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

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Social Security Administration

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# Continuing Medical Education (CME)

In 2014, SSA established an in-House CME Training Program that provides free CME training on disability topics to thousands of doctors at SSA across the country

- ❖ Available to approximately 3,000 medical and psychological consultants in SSA's Regional Offices, Office of Disability Policy's Office of Medical Assistance, and 35 DDSs
- ❖ Additional medical and psychological consultants in the remaining DDSs will have access to CME activities by the end of FY 2017

# CME Accreditation

SSA has accreditation from the American Medical Association's designate Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to offer continuing medical education credits to physicians

- July 2014 SSA received provisional accreditation
- July 2016 SSA received Accreditation with Commendation from the ACCME. The new term of accreditation is through July 31, 2022.

# CME Credit

- CME credit is awarded to a doctor when he or she accesses the learning activity through the CME SharePoint website and completes the mandatory quiz and evaluation.
- CME credits help the doctors maintain their licensing requirements.

# Current CME Training

SSA is currently offering 13 CME training activities:

- DAA with Co-occurring Mental Disorders
- Fibromyalgia
- Head and Neck Cancer
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
- Inflammatory Breast Cancer
- Intellectual Disability
- Ischemic Heart Disease

# Current CME Training, Cont.

CME training activities, cont.:

- Multiple Psychiatric Diagnoses
- Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- Prostate Cancer
- Schizophrenia
- Speech Disorders in Children
- Visual Field Assessment

# CME Training in Production

SSA has 3 CME training activities:

- Cystic Fibrosis
- Pulmonary Function Tests
- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS)

# CME Training on ME/CFS

- Emphasizes that ME/CFS is a complicated multi-systemic condition.
- Includes information on common features of ME/CFS.
- Places emphasis on Social Security Ruling 14-1p guidance for evaluating cases involving ME/CFS.
- Provides other agency websites and resources for additional information on ME/CFS.

**Thank you**