



CALIFORNIA STATE-MANDATED CME CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

CME Requirements At-A-Glance

Renewal Cycle:

[Biennial](#)

State-Mandated CME Requirements:

- [50 CME credits during each biennial renewal cycle](#)
- [One-Time Requirement: Opioid/Pain Management and Treatment of the Terminally Ill combined – 12 hours within the first four years of licensure](#)
- [One-Time Requirement Alternative: Continuing Education course of 12 credit hours in on the treatment and management of opiate-dependent patients, including 8 hours of training on medicinal treatments for opioid disorders – within the first four years](#)
- [Patient Population Dependent: 20% of CME in the area of Geriatric Medicine](#)

State-Mandated CME Content Detail

Licensees are required to earn 50 Category 1 CME every two-year renewal cycle.

One-time requirement of 12 hours of CME on pain management and the appropriate care and treatment of the terminally ill within the first two license renewal cycles (four years). The 12 CME credit hours may be divided between the two areas in any way that is relevant to the physician's specialty and practice setting. For physicians licensed on or after January 1, 2019, the course shall also include the subject of the risks of addiction associated with the use of Schedule II drugs.

Alternatively, a surgeon may complete a one-time continuing education course of 12 credit hours in the subjects of treatment and management of opiate-dependent patients.

...in the subject of treatment and management of opiate dependent patients, including eight hours of training on buprenorphine treatment, or other similar medicinal treatment for opioid disorders.

California law requires that general internists and family physicians who have a patient population of which over 25 percent are 65 years of age or older, are required to complete at least 20 percent of their mandatory CME in the field of geriatric medicine.

Accepted CME

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State Statutes and Codes

[California Code – Renewal of License](#)

[California Code - Continuing Medical Education](#)

State Medical Board

[Medical Board of California - Contact Information](#)

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