Commercial Driver Medical Examiner

Online Training

The highly successful Commercial Driver Medical Examiner (CDME) training, led by Dr. Hartenbaum and her faculty for more than a decade, has been expanded to include required details about the FMCSA, how to complete the medical form, and components of the physical examination.

This ME training course conforms to FMCSA’s training curriculum modules and topics on regulations and guidelines for conducting CMV driver medical examinations. FMCSA regulations and guidelines are reviewed regularly, and the training is updated as required. This course was last updated on September 2012.

The CDME training assumes participants have had extensive medical training which should have included training in taking medical histories, conducting physical examinations, and determining differential diagnosis, treatment, and medical management. While content from the FMCSA’s Medical Examiner Handbook on how to conduct a physical examination and details on diagnosis and treatment of specific medical conditions will be included in pre-and post-read material, the expectation is that participants have already mastered physical examination, diagnosis, and treatment skills during their health care training and the emphasis will be on those issues specific to the commercial driver.

Training Content and Schedule

The training’s content will focus on the core curriculum material required by the FMCSA, as well as provide participants with additional resources. This will include Medical Expert Reports, Medical Review Board meeting notes, and discussion of other medical literature.

Part 1: Pre-Reading
An initial 8-10 hours of pre-reading material should be completed before beginning the modules, as some of this material will be highlighted during the training. During this time you will also receive a hard-copy of the syllabus, as well as a CD with post-reading materials and other supplemental information.

Part 2: Modules 1-9
Modules 1 - 8 are available for online viewing at your convenience. Access the modules anytime day or night, based on your schedule.

Module running time: 60 minutes

Module 1: Overview
Module 2: Vision, Hearing, and Diabetes Mellitus
Module 3: Cardiovascular, Hypertension
Module 4: Respiratory
Module 5: Musculoskeletal, Other Diseases
Module 6: Neurological
Module 7: Psychological
Module 8: Drug Abuse & Alcoholism, Medication Use

Module 9: Case Discussion
Attendance at a live webinar for Module 9 is required to complete the online training.

Part 3: Post-Reading
Post-reading materials, included on the Resource CD, should be completed upon conclusion of the series.
Once finished with the post-reading materials, you will submit to ACOEM a form included with your syllabus verifying your completion of the training. You will receive Proof of Participation 2-3 weeks after ACOEM receives your form.

Course Director
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Course Summary
Format: Self-paced learning, lecture, case study, discussion.

CME Credit: The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine designates this enduring material for a maximum of 7.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The pre and post-read materials may qualify for AMA PRA Category 2 Credits™ as self-paced learning. Contact the American Medical Association for additional information.

ABPM MOC Credit This activity satisfies 7.00 ABPM MOC credits.

Tuition: Syllabus, pre- and post-reading materials, access to recordings (Modules 1-8) and live Module 9
ACOEM Member: $365
Non-member: $465
Retired/Resident Member/Advance Practice Nurse/Physician Assistant: $325

We’ve heard you! Given the specific need for this training, earning CME or MOC credits is not the priority of many attendees. In an effort to better serve our audience we’ve removed the price of continuing education credits from the base registration fee. If you do wish to claim credit for this educational activity, you may do so upon completion of the online training for the affordable price of $70. (Includes both CME and MOC credits)

Registration: Register online at www.acoem.org or contact the ACOEM Registration Coordinator at 847/818-1800 x374.