

Accreditation

Physician accreditation, initiated in 2004, is a voluntary quality assurance approach concerning certain high-risk specialties, such as anaesthesia-intensive care.

The procedure takes 4 years and focuses on the expected individual benefits for patient management.

Accreditation programme

Unlike Professional Practice Evaluation and Continuing Medical Education, that are mandatory for all physicians, Accreditation is a voluntary approach, but can be used to validate PPE requirements.

The Accreditation programme applies short-term and medium-term risk reduction objectives for anaesthetists-intensive care physicians elaborated jointly with SFAR, and involves several commitments:

- annual declaration of healthcare-related adverse events (HRAE) encountered in everyday practice
- implementation of the general recommendations of the programme and any individual recommendations resulting from analysis of HRAE declarations;
- participation in the activities of the programme, especially CME and PPE actions focusing on risk management,
- submission of an annual report during the 2 months preceding the birth date of the physician's commitment to the accreditation programme.

Private practitioners can obtain a professional civil liability insurance grant from *Caisses Primaires d'Assurance Maladie* (CPAM) (health insurance funds).

Funding of the accreditation approach of hospital Anaesthetists-Intensive care physicians is ensured by a contract signed between CFAR and the public hospital.

€500 of this civil liability insurance grant are paid directly to the accredited body that organises and manages accreditation of physicians in each specialty. To obtain this grant, each physician must send the accreditation assessment declaration and a copy of the civil liability insurance policy to the CPAM each year.