

Continuing medical education

Apart from constituting an ethical, personal and professional commitment, continuing medical education is in the process of becoming a regulatory requirement.

In the context of the HPST Act, promulgated in 2009, Continuous Professional Development (CPD) corresponds to the combination of CME (Continuing Medical Education) and Professional Practice Evaluation (PPE) actions, through chosen themes by the practitioner. The CPD decree has not yet been officially published, but the CFAR has provided support to Anaesthetists-Intensive care physicians in this professional training approach for several years.

Role of CFAR:

In general, the College works to ensure:

- the quality of university and postgraduate training of French anaesthetists-intensive care physicians
- improvement of quality of care, based on improved knowledge, professional practice evaluation and risk prevention.

Since its creation, the CFAR ensures the quality and scientific independence of CME actions proposed in the field of Anaesthesia-Intensive care.

Following the CME decree, in 2006, the CFAR obtained accreditation from national authorities to continue to participate in the development of CME in this discipline. The CFAR has always been a federating body, welcoming all organizers of all forms of CME: national congresses, local training courses, College-affiliated training organizations, etc.

Tools available to Anaesthetists-Intensive care physicians:

The CFAR proposes several types of tools accessible to practitioners wishing to complete CME programmes:

- A personalized professional dossier, accessible in a Member's Space, allowing management and monitoring of training and PPE actions (group CME, self-assessment MCQ, etc.).
- A series of on-line MCQs, available for members, created to promote enhanced knowledge, while obtaining CME points credited directly to your account.
- PPE actions: practitioners can download various PPE programmes on various themes from our website; CFAR members can request validation of their actions by contacting CFAR.



Evaluation of training:

Evaluation of training constitutes one of the new regulatory requirements.

The CFAR strives to provide a complete overview of CME based on global analysis of CME actions, allowing organizers to adapt their training to the themes already covered.

Evaluation of training programmes also targets French physicians' expectations and tries to determine the most appropriate types of training: workshop, debate or lecture. This approach is designed to evaluate the efficacy of training and the long-term progress of our specialty (attendance, practitioners' interest, etc.).