

# 8 Continuing Medical Education Accreditation Committee (CAC)

8.1 The Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programme for Practising Dentists, which is on a voluntary basis and aims to maintain quality professional practice by encouraging dentists to keep themselves up-to-date about current development in knowledge and skills in various fields of professional practice, was implemented on 1 July 2002.

8.2 The CME Programme is based on a 'credit-point system' with credit points awarded for participation in CME activities recognized by the Dental Council. Under the existing arrangement, a minimum of 45 credit points have to be accumulated over a 3-year cycle and an average of 15 credit points per year should be aimed at.

8.3 A CME Accreditation Committee (CAC) has been set up to monitor and review the CME Programme. Its terms of reference are as follows:

- (a) to monitor the process of accreditation of CME activities;
- (b) to recommend CME Programme Providers and CME Programme Administrators for approval by the Dental Council;

- (c) to recommend award of the CME certificate for approval by the Dental Council; and

- (d) to conduct review of the CME Programme for practising dentists.

8.4 The CAC comprises the following representatives:

- (a) three representatives from the Dental Council;

- (b) a representative from the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong (CDSHK);

- (c) a representative from the Hong Kong Dental Association (HKDA); and

- (d) a representative from the Faculty of Dentistry, the University of Hong Kong (HKU).



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8.5 The membership of the CAC is as follows:

Dr Lee Kwing-hong, Roch (Chairman)

Prof. Anne Sinclair McMillan

Dr Chan Kin-keung, Eugene

Prof. Erik Urban Oskar Hägg (HKU) *(since 30.1.2004)*

Dr Hui Kwok-kuen, Kenneth (CDSHK)

Dr Jin Li Jian (HKDA)

8.6 Upon the recommendations of the CAC, the following CME Programme Accreditors, CME Programme Administrators and CME Programme Providers have been appointed by the Dental Council:

### CME Programme Accreditors

The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Dental Association

### CME Programme Administrators

The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Dental Association

Department of Health (for dental officers of the Department of Health)

### CME Programme Providers

The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Dental Association

Department of Health

Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

Hong Kong Endodontic Society

Hong Kong Prosthetic Dentistry Society

Hong Kong Society of Hospital Dentistry

Hong Kong Society of Oral Implantology

Hong Kong Society of Orthodontists

Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Dentistry

Hong Kong Society of Periodontology

8.7 The CAC conducted regular review of the voluntary CME Programme at 6-month intervals since its implementation and considered that it had been carried out smoothly. As at 31 December 2004, 966 registered dentists had enrolled in the Programme and 563 of them attained more than 40 credit points by participating in various types of CME activities organized by the CME Programme Providers.