

# MSNJ Physician's Recognition Award Application

**1 Indicate which certificate you are applying for:**

Standard PRA
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Certificate—150 credits (at least 60 must be <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Certificate—100 credits (at least 40 must be <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Certificate—50 credits (at least 20 must be <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™</i> )

PRA with Commendation
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Certificate—270 credits (at least 180 must be <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Certificate—180 credits (at least 120 must be <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Certificate— 90 credits (at least 60 must be <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™</i> )

**2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™** MSNJ PRA processing requires physicians to send copies (do not send originals) of the credit award certificates and/or transcripts (primary source documents) for the activities you participated in and were awarded *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

- a. Please put the documents in chronological order.
- b. Indicate the total number of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* you are submitting primary source documents for
- c. Indicate beginning and ending dates of the activities being reported: Begin Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3 AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™** Indicate source, subject, date and # of hours.

Examples: Teaching other Health Professionals:

Medical Research: Include subject and # hours of study.

Reading Authoritative Medical Journals: Name of Journal and # hours spent reading.

Peer Consultations: Provide names of those consulted with, dates, and # hours.

Conferences not designated for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*:

LIST ANY <i>AMA PRA CATEGORY 2 CREDIT™</i> ACTIVITIES or ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR LOG	DATE(S)/DATE RANGE	# OF <i>AMA PRA CATEGORY 2 CREDITS™</i>

**Total *AMA PRA CATEGORY 2 CREDITS™***

**GRAND TOTAL:**

**4** I hereby apply for the MSNJ Physician's Recognition Award, certifying that all information provided is correct, and that at least half of the *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*, and all of the *AMA PRA Category 2 Credits™* submitted are within my specialty or area of practice.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Medical Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Medical Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: (personal) \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR MSNJ USE:**

  
  
  
  
  
  
  

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## ELIGIBILITY

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Active Physician members of the Medical Society of New Jersey are eligible to apply for the MSNJ PRA if they hold a valid and current license issued by the state of New Jersey, or are engaged in residency training in an accredited program in the United States. Information concerning licensure or residency for U.S. physicians must be on record in the American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Master File.

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## BASIC REQUIREMENTS

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All learning experiences must comply with the AMA/MSNJ definition of CME. All learning experiences must comply with AMA/MSNJ ethical opinions on Gifts to Physicians from Industry and on Ethical Issues in CME. It is required that at least half of the credits earned be within the physicians' specialty or area of practice. Copies of the supporting documents for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* must accompany the application.

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## TYPES OF CERTIFICATES

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Please indicate the requested type and duration of your PRA certificate, which reflects CME completed prior to the submission of the application. Credit must be earned in the time frame of the certificate requested, i.e. a one year certificate requires that the credit be earned in the 12 months prior to submission, a two year certificate requires that the credit be earned in the 24 months prior to submission, a three year certificate requires that the credit be earned in the 36 months prior to submission.

New certificates will have an issue date of the first of the month following the date of the last credit awarded. Renewal certificates will be dated to match your existing PRA expiration date if you earned the needed credits in the required time frame.

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## AMA PRA CATEGORY 1 CREDIT™

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Activities are designated for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* by organizations accredited by either the AC-CME or a recognized State Medical Society, such as MSNJ. Activities designated for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* will be so specified on announcements and educational materials. *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* award certificates/transcripts must list the name of the physician, the name of the accredited CME provider, location, activity title or description, date, and number of credits awarded. Note: Internet Point of Care activities are limited to 20 credits per year.

*AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* credit can also be obtained directly from the AMA for certain other specific activities. For complete PRA policy text, refer to the [AMA PRA Information Booklet for Physicians](#).

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## AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES

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Recognition for successful completion of an ABMS board certification or MoC process is in one of two ways:

1. Endorsement for three-year MSNJ PRA certificate. Attach a copy of the certificate or specialty board notification letter.
2. For actual credit award document: For those who complete the certification or recertification as of September 1, 2010, the AMA will award sixty (60) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Completion prior to September 1, earns twenty-five (25) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. You must apply to the AMA for "[Direct Credit](#)" awards.

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## RESIDENCY, FELLOWSHIP

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Recognition for successful completion of an ACGME accredited residency or fellowship program is in one of two ways:

1. Endorsement for a one, two, or three-year MSNJ PRA certificate based on number of years completed. Attach a copy of the diploma or transcript to the application.
2. Credit assignment: Twenty (20) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* per year (up to three years). For actual *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*, however, you must apply to the AMA for Direct Credit.

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT CAN EARN CREDIT

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Teaching CME Courses – Faculty may be awarded two (2) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* for each hour they present at a live activity designated for such credit. Check with the accredited provider of the activity to see if they conduct "Learning from Teaching" activity, if they don't you can apply to the AMA for Direct Credit.

The AMA recognizes certain other individual CME activities and will issue *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* for the following activities as well:

Published articles, Poster Presentations, Medical Related Advanced Degrees, Independent Learning and certain Specialty Board Certification and Recertification. Please refer to the AMA for complete details. You must apply to the AMA for [Direct Credit](#).

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## AMA PRA CATEGORY 2 CREDIT™

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*AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™* may be self-claimed by physicians for activities which are not certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* that:

1. Comply with the AMA definition of CME,
2. Comply with the AMA ethical opinions on Gifts to Physicians from Industry and on Ethical Issues in CME (i.e. are not promotional) and

3. A physician finds to be a worthwhile learning experience related to his/her practice.

Documentation is not needed but physicians should maintain a log that includes the title of activity, subject/content area, specific dates when completed, and the number of *AMA PRA Category 2 Credits™* claimed (60 minutes = 1 credit). Examples of this type of learning activity may be found in the [AMA PRA booklet](#).

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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The award is based on CME credits earned for the twelve, twenty-four or thirty-six months immediately preceding the date of application or the desired date for the certificate.

Credit award certificates, specialty society and hospital CME transcripts must identify the learner, the accredited provider, the activity topic, activity dates, and the number of credits awarded. Effective July 1, 2011, the activity format (live, enduring material, IPoC, PI CME, etc. ) must also be provided.

Please do not send your original documents as Physicians are required to keep CME documents and records for a minimum of 6 years.

MSNJ currently keeps on file all PRA applications and documents which generated a MSNJ PRA for a minimum of 6 years.

If you require further information or assistance to complete the MSNJ PRA application or for general information regarding continuing medical education, please call 609-896-1766, x217.

For AMA Direct Credit application:

<http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/cme/direct-credit-application.pdf>

For AMA PRA Information Booklet for Physicians:

[www.ama-assn.org/go/prabooklet](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/prabooklet)

A. Mail completed application and supporting documents to:  
Medical Society of New Jersey  
CME – PRA  
2 Princess Rd, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

— OR —

B. Fax your completed application (no more than 25 pages, please) to: **609-896-1347**

— OR —

C. Scan and email the application and documents to:  
[rzarzycki@msnj.org](mailto:rzarzycki@msnj.org)

Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing!

Thank you for your membership and continued support!