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## Partners in Accreditation

### Supporting International CME Accreditation Initiatives

The ACCME has a long-standing commitment to supporting the development and implementation of CME systems and accreditation equivalency around the world. The ACCME has supported CME initiatives with government, health system, and CME representatives from a wide range of countries, including China, France, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, the Sudan, and the United Arab Emirates.

In 2002, the ACCME and the Committee for the Accreditation of Continuing Medical Education of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges created [“A Framework for Establishing Substantial Equivalency between Continuing Medical Education Accreditation Organizations.”](#) a document designed to facilitate discussion about strategies for improving CME across national boundaries. The 2002 Canadian-US agreement defines substantial equivalency as a relationship between accreditors based on shared principles and values, while recognizing and accepting differences. The ACCME joined in a collaboration with several North American and European CME leaders in 2004, to create the [Consensus on Basic Values and Responsibilities Underlying the Substantial Equivalency of CME and CPD Systems](#).

The ACCME recognizes five CME organizations outside the US as substantially equivalent to the ACCME’s accreditation system: the [Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada](#), the [Committee on Accreditation of Continuing Medical Education \(Canada\)](#), the [European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology](#), the [Oman Medical Specialty Board as part of the Ministry of Health of the Sultanate of Oman](#), and the [Qatar Council for Health Practitioners](#).

By advancing equivalency of CME systems on a global level, the ACCME builds toward a future where patients—regardless of where they are treated or the nationality of their physician—will be assured that their doctors maintain their competence by participating in CME that meets consistent and high standards.

The ACCME offers recognition and other services to emerging and existing CME systems. For more information, contact [Kate Regnier](#), MA, MBA, Executive Vice President, ACCME.

#### Related Information

[News Release: International Recognition of Accreditors](#)

**Publications:** [Furthering Globalization Reciprocity and the Substantial Equivalency of Systems of Accreditation and Credit in CME and CPD, April 2006](#)

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