

Continuing Medical Education Credits for *Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine* Manuscript Reviewers

Introduction

The granting of American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Recognition Award (PRA) Category 1 Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credit for the *Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine (JUM)* manuscript review process highlights the educational benefits reviewers (as learners) receive by participating in the manuscript process. Please note the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) limits the number of CME credits earned to 15 credits per year for all journal manuscript reviews.

Accreditation Statement

The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) is accredited by the ACCME to provide CME activities for physicians. As an accredited provider, the AIUM may grant *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™] for the review of manuscripts submitted to the *JUM* for possible publication.

Designation Statement

The AIUM designates a maximum of up to 3 hours in Category 1 Credit toward the AMA PRA for each review completed. The standard amount of credit issued for a manuscript review is 1 hour; if the review is judged to be exceptional, it may receive 2 or 3 CME credit hours. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

Original contributions to medical literature that require multiple reviewers are eligible for credit, including articles, case series, case reports, review articles, editorials, point/counterpoints, image presentations, technical advances, tips and techniques, and just images.

Reviewers must complete the *CME Self-Assessment and Evaluation Questions For Reviewers* to claim CME credit. The amount of credit earned will be determined by the Editor-In-Chief of the *JUM*, and the reviewer will subsequently be notified of the credit by the AIUM Professional Development Department.

American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Sonographers may use credits earned from this educational activity to maintain certification with the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS). ARDMS accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™].

American Registry of Radiologic Technologists

Sonographers and radiologic technologists may use credits earned from this educational activity to maintain certification with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). The AIUM is a Recognized Continuing Education Evaluation Mechanism (RCEEM) for the ARRT. This educational activity is approved by the AIUM for ARRT Category A Credit.

Disclosure of Commercial Interest

Beryl R. Benacerraf, MD, Editor-In-Chief, has indicated that she does not have a financial interest, arrangement, or affiliation with any commercial organization that may have a direct or indirect interest in the content of manuscripts submitted to the *JUM*.

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Learning Objectives

Participating in the manuscript review process should assist the reviewer in his/her ability to:

- Improve critical analyses of medical literature and knowledge of current issues and developments in the field of medical ultrasound.
- Increased skill in reviewing and authoring future journal articles, as well as improved behavior and performance in practice.
- Evaluate how a specific research question or investigational clinical application is formulated and articulated in a proposed manuscript.
- Evaluate if the research methodology or clinical comparisons of imaging modalities identified and articulated in a proposed manuscript are appropriate.
- Conduct an appropriate review of the literature related to the proposed manuscript and, when available, a review of the evidence-based clinical data related to the proposed manuscript.
- Synthesize the review of literature with a thorough review of the proposed manuscript thereby identifying its strengths and areas needing improvement prior to publication.

Target Audience

Physicians and other imaging professionals who review manuscripts submitted to the *JUM* for possible publication.