

Activities of Continuing Medical Education Unit in 2006

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Background

- Attention to the quality of health care has become an important issue in many developed countries in the last decade.
- lifelong learning is an essential element of the professional.



Background

- As undergraduate and postgraduate education is insufficient to ensure lifelong physicians competencies.
- It's essential to maintain the competencies of physicians to remedy gaps in skills and to enable professionals to respond to the challenges of rapidly growing knowledge and technologies



What is the CME?

CME consists of **educational** activities which serve to maintain develop or increase the knowledge, skills, professional performance & relationships that physicians and other health professionals use to provide health services.



CME strategies

- Improvement in patient care.
- Appropriate change in physician & professional behaviors.



CME objectives

- To improve the performance of the health professionals in their practices.
- To provide a standardized mechanism for documenting participation in the activities.
- To provide opportunities for professional development to all practitioners.



Who needs CME?

CME is conducted for physicians, dentists, pharmacists, and health professionals; starting after completing their academic study throughout their life.

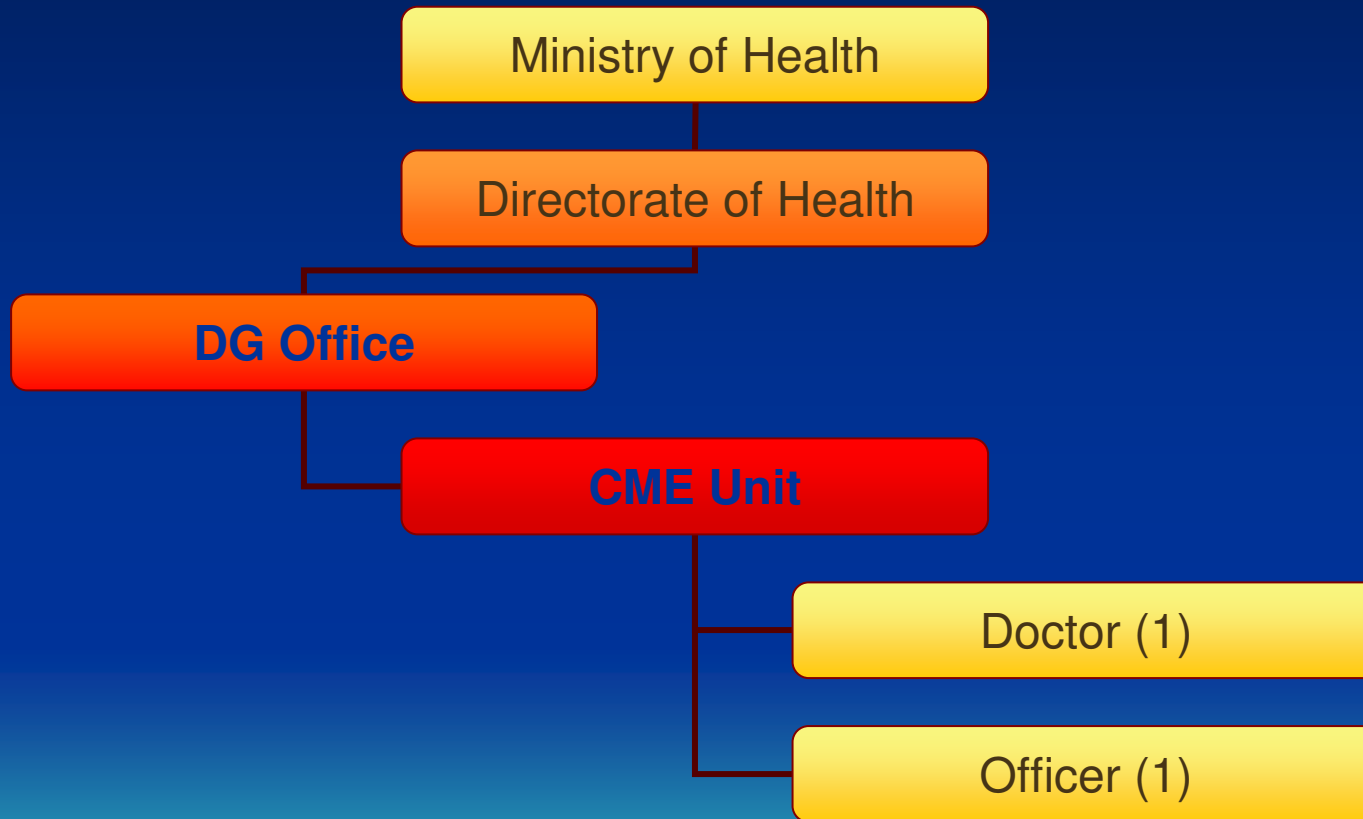


What are the tools of CME?

- Workshops.
- lecture series.
- Symposia.
- Seminars.
- Group learning sessions.
- Clinical training.
- Meetings.
- Journal clubs.
- Self-assessment
- examinations.
- Conferences.
- Publication/papers
Medical/dental books or articles.
- Fellowships.
- Touring abroad.



CME Organogram





Activities during 2006

- **Conferences:**
 - Participation in DOH-Review meeting of activities in 2005.
 - Participation in Iraqi Medical & Training Center Leadership Forum.
 - Participation in TV-Conference between Rizgary Hosp. & Special Medical Center in San Francisco, US.



Activities during 2006

- **Meetings:**
 - Post graduate Committee to identify CME Focal Points.(2 Meetings)
 - Zhian Health Organization. (NGO)



Activities during 2006

- **Publications:**
 - CME, Definition, Goals, Objectives & Methods. (Brochure).
 - CME, non periodic brochure. (2 Issues)
 - Healthy Computing, Brochure.
 - Healthy swimming, Brochure (non published).



Activities during 2006

- **Lectures:**

- Lecture on Using of Geographical Information System (GIS) in Health, in Medical College, Hawler Medical University.
- Lecture on Nursing Informatics, in Nursing College, Hawler Medical University.
- Lecture on Community Medicine for Junior Doctors in DOH/ Erbil.



Activities during 2006

- **Arranging Seminars:**
 - Nosocomial Infection and methods of Sterilization, in 4 Hospitals. (4 seminars)
 - Towards improving Nursing care. (2 seminars)
 - Patients' rights. (1 seminar).
 - Local Nerve Block. (1 video presentation)
 - Breaking Bad News to the Patients. (1 seminar)
 - Post Prandial Regulation. (1 seminar)



Recommendations

- Establishing of CME Committee.
- Manpower supplement.