

## **Submitted as short communication**

### **Title: Reflections on the National CPD Accreditation Standards for Qatar- Feedback from Accredited CPD Providers**

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## **Background**

The Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners (QCHP) is the regulatory body responsible to develop and implement a mandatory CME/CPD system for in the State of Qatar by 2016. QCHP is currently collaborating with the Royal College Canada International to develop a CME/CPD accreditation system for CPD Providers and activities. Since 2013, a set of provisional accreditation standards were developed to enhance the quality of CME/CPD activities in Qatar. These interim accreditation standards have been implemented with 8 nationally accredited providers.

## **Summary of work**

CPD providers who participated in the accreditation process are expected to complete a feedback form after completing the process and receiving the report. The form includes 14 MCQ questions and 3 open ended questions request from, the timeline for the process and the final report that provides providers with the opportunity to reflect on their experience, , share ideas or recommendations that would enhance the process.

## **Summary of results**

Overall, the providers unanimously agreed that the accreditation experience provided a better understanding of the provider requirements for accreditation. It was noted that four of the providers did not think the accreditation experience helped them learn about accreditation resources. Two of the providers suggested revision of the application form to consider the different providers i.e. academic versus hospital. Other suggestions included providing a section for frequently asked questions or sample applications to minimize document preparation time. All the providers found the report to be very helpful and guiding particularly the recommendations section.

## **Conclusions**

The feedback provided by the accredited providers provides a positive opportunity for QCHP-AD to learn from their experiences and to consider how to improve the accreditation process when the new CPD accreditation standards are in place in 2016

## **Take Home Message**

Feedback from accredited providers is important to evaluate and refine CPD accreditation services and standards.