



The ISHRS is proud to be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The ISHRS adheres to the tenets of the ACCME as much as possible in all of its education to provide fair, balanced, and unbiased education that is evidence based.

Several years ago, the ACCME tightened its guidelines even more with respect to who may serve as a faculty in CME-accredited education. Specifically, any owner or employee of a commercial interest is automatically disqualified, except under very slim exceptions. In a surgical specialty such as ours and especially because we are a niche subspecialty, this would exclude any physicians who are inventors and who create instruments (e.g., holding ownership in a side company or selling the instruments). It would exclude anyone that has stock in a privately-held company relating to hair loss or hair transplantation. This rule holds true even if we felt the individual could present in an unbiased manner.

The rule excluded many physicians and scientists for whom our membership expects to hear from and for whom want to participate in the ISHRS on the planning committee, or as a moderator, panelist, or speaker.

After surveying the membership, the majority did not use or need the AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits.

Therefore, after many long discussions, the ISHRS Board of Governors decided several years back that it would not sanction the ISHRS world congress for CME credits. It was more important to build the best world congress as possible, with the latest and most cutting-edge concepts, and invite whomever the program chair and program committee wished, without having barriers imposed.

However, realizing that a portion of the membership valued and needed the credits for renewing their medical licenses, the ISHRS established the annual CME webinar series. For the past many years, approximately 6 webinars are offered per year that provide 2 CME credits each. These CME webinars are offered at no cost to world congress physician attendees. Attendees may watch webinars live or on-demand and claim CME credit.

The ISHRS Board of Governors and staff continue to consider ways to increase CME-accredited offerings to the members.

Sincerely,

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