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Oregon Pain Management Commission Requirements

In 2001, the Oregon Legislature mandated the creation of the Oregon Pain Management Commission to focus on the issue of pain in Oregon. The commission, operating within the Department of Human Services, is comprised of representatives from the healthcare professions of physicians, pharmacists, nurses, psychologists, social workers, patient advocates, healthcare consumers, naturopaths, researchers, and Licensed Acupuncturists. The OAA has been instrumental in including Licensed Acupuncturists onto this commission. Tim Eng, L.Ac. is currently representing the profession.

This commission has mandated that health-care practitioners in Oregon complete a one-time requirement of viewing a one-hour on-line slide presentation, and completing six hours of continuing education on the issue of pain management or end-of-life palliative care, **to be completed prior to license renewal in 2009.**

The one hour slide presentation is on the OPMC website (<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/pain>). The OAA has been instrumental in getting a slide about acupuncture onto this presentation. **Viewing the presentation must be completed within 24 months of your first license renewal after January 1, 2006.** After viewing the slide presentation, you will be asked to enter your name, license number, email address and licensing board affiliation into the OPMC database, and print out a certificate for documentation purposes. **It is important that your name be entered into the database.**

At your next license renewal, the BME will require a statement of certification that you have viewed this presentation and have received an additional six hours of pain medicine or palliative care-related medical education hours.

Those who attended all of the presentations of the April 2007 OAA Annual Conference fulfilled the six-hour continuing education portion of the OPMC requirements.

Those who viewed the slide presentation on Saturday afternoon and signed their names onto the slide show attendance sheet completed the requirement of viewing the one-hour slide presentation. A separate DHS certificate was given to attendees after the slide presentation, and those names will be entered into the OPMC database as having viewed the required one-hour slide presentation.

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