

TOPS Patient Safety CME Policy

for Physicians Participating in the ASPS® TOPS Program

Physicians who participate in the ASPS TOPS program can claim a maximum of 1 Patient Safety (PS) Credit per month for each month that they participate in the program, up to a maximum of 7 PS credits per calendar year. The following criteria must be met in order to earn PS Credits:

PS Credit Eligibility

- To be eligible to earn PS credit:
 - A minimum of eight completed cases must be entered during a one-month period. **Note that a case is not considered 'completed' until both the Procedures and Outcomes forms are filled out and saved as 'Complete'.**
- If a participant was eligible for credits for a specific month but the credits have not yet been earned, the participant can become ineligible for the credits if there are no longer 8 completed cases during the time period. This could happen if cases were deleted or the procedure dates were changed for a case.

Converting Eligible PS Credits into Earned PS Credits:

- PS credits are earned after the TOPS participant completes the following steps:
 - Selects and runs either an Outcomes or Risk Factor benchmark report. **Note that the date range for the report must include months in which the TOPS participant has eligible CME credits.**
 - Reviews the selected report and checks the box on the report form that indicates he/she reviewed the report.

*Please note – the new report and review requirement are necessary to meet updated ACCME guidelines. **Both steps are required in order to convert eligible credits into earned credits.***

- On a monthly basis, TOPS will send a report indicating the number of Patient Safety credits earned to the individual participant's ASPS CME record.
- A maximum of 21 CME credits may be applied toward patient safety CME during a TOPS participant's three-year CME cycle. Members can fulfill their ABPS Patient Safety CME requirement by participating in TOPS every year throughout the certification cycle for those participating in the Continuous Certification program.

Contacting the Site Management Team or ASPS:

- Should you have any questions about earning Patient Safety credit through TOPS participation, ASPS can be reached by the following method:
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