The PA State Board of Medicine regulations state that to renew a medical license, a physician will need:

100 total credit hours of CME in the two-year license cycle (with license cycles ending on Dec. 31 of each even year)

A minimum of 20 of the total credit hours in Category 1

**12 credit hours in the areas of patient safety or risk management (either Category 1 or Category 2)**

The Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania provides a number of resources for obtaining these 12 credit hours in Patient Safety/Risk Management. These activities are also designated for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*:

Certified Case Conferences and M&Ms and Particular Lectures [2]

**How do I know if a CME activity is patient safety or risk management?**

The following list of topics will satisfy the patient safety/risk management requirement:

- Improving medical records and record keeping
- Reducing medical errors
- Professional conduct and ethics
- Improving communication among physicians and with other health care personnel
- Communication between physicians and patients
- Preventive medicine education
- Health care quality improvement

As long as the CME activity falls within these topics, you can count it toward the patient safety/risk management requirement. The course does not have to state, and very likely may not, that it is a patient safety or risk management course. According to the regulations, the patient safety or risk management credit hours can be in either Category 1 or Category 2.