



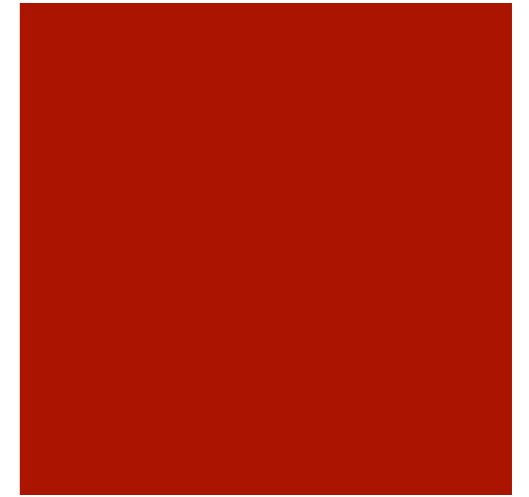
# Spanish CME is growing. Are we on the correct direction?

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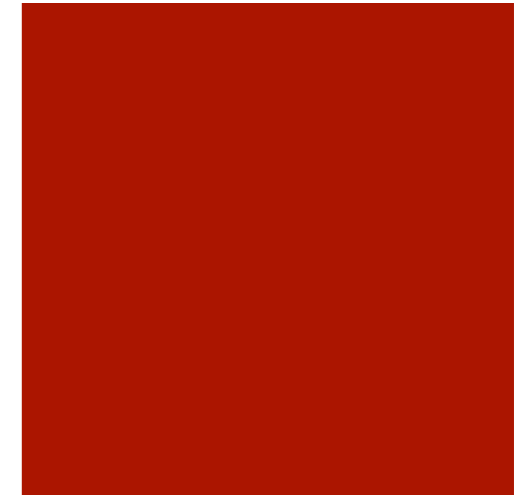
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# CME History



- The Spanish accreditation system for CME was approved in 1998 by Department of Health, on the bases of Catalan experience (developed in 1995 by Dr. Helios Pardell).

# Present situation of CME



One system with two gates

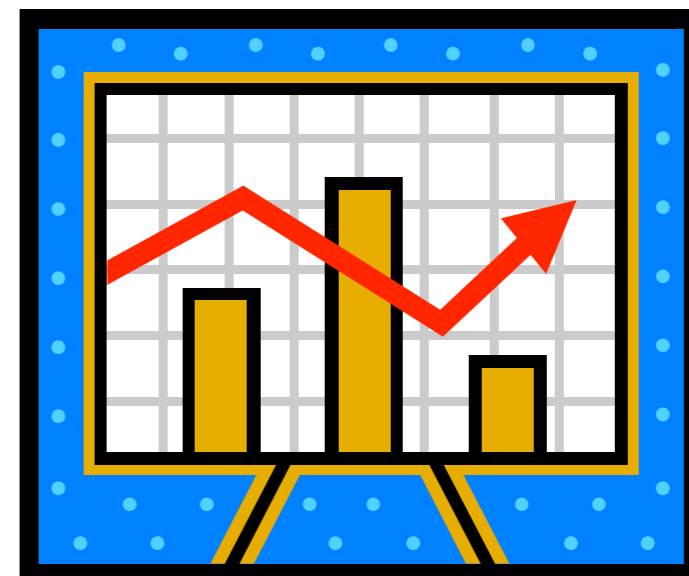
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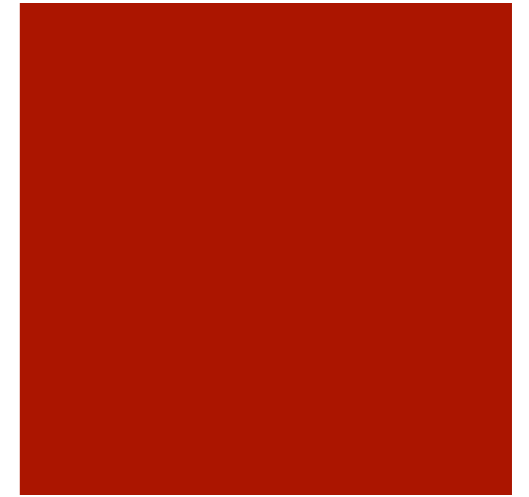
2. Through SACCME/SEAFORMEC under  
supervision of the Spanish Medical Council  
(CGCOM)

# Present situation of CME in Spain

- After twelve years experience the number of CME accredited activities is growing as fast as the accreditation's administrative structures.



# Present situation of CME in Spain



- It is neither clear what will be the use and what utility will the CME credits have, nor the administration or the industry interests in the development and control of the CME accreditation's process.

# Stakeholders



# Professional answer

- The 52 **Regional Medical Council** (Colegios de Médicos), under the umbrella of the Spanish Medical Council (CGCOM), approved the VPC process
- The VPC process is a **Periodic Validation of Professional registration** and it is the first Spanish experience of professional self-regulation

# The message

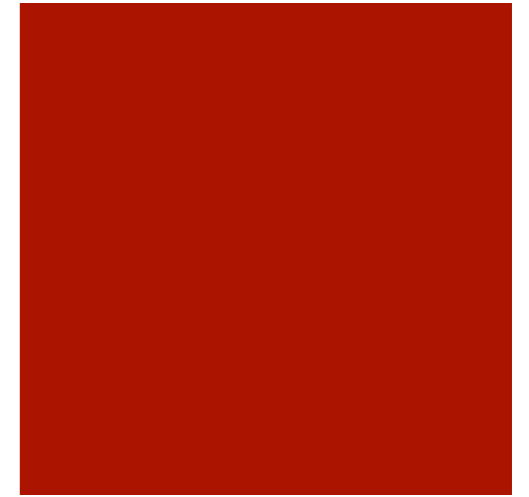


It is not important **the procedure** nor **the timing** of VPC implementation,

What it is really relevant is to assume the concept that the medical licence

- Has an expiration date

# The VPC process



- The VPC process was approved unanimously December 2009 by the General Assembly of Spanish Medical Council (SMC)

# The VPC process



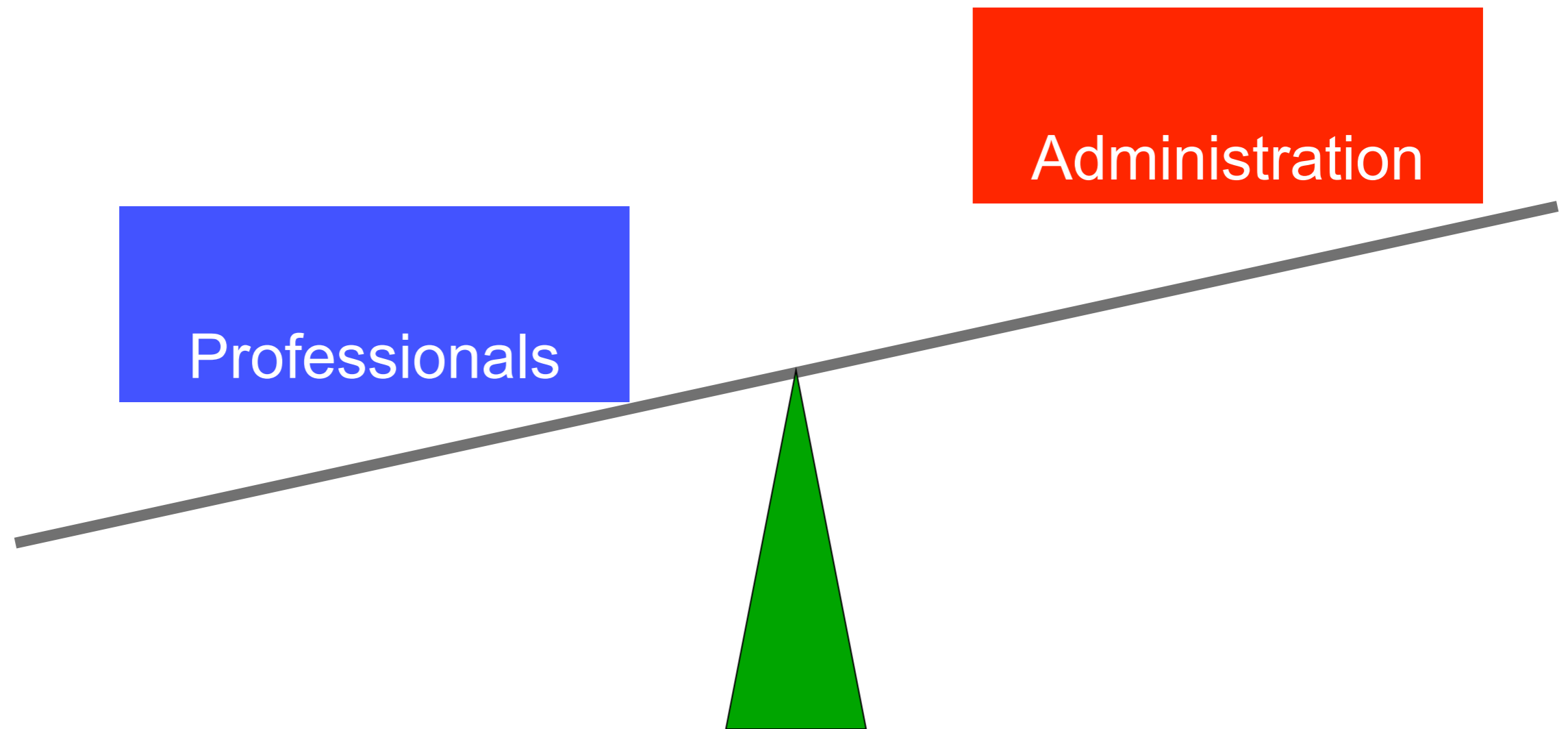
- The VPC process will be for periods of 6 years and require four elements,
  1. Certification of Good Praxis,
  2. Declaration and compromise of health maintenance,
  3. Certification of employer, and,
  4. A minimum requirements of CME credits.

# The future of VPC process is



- The collaboration of the professionals and their organizations is granted.
- We need the collaboration of other stakeholders, mainly medical scientific societies, patients and the health administration.
- The international professional institutions advice and support required.

# The balance of VPC



Thanks for your attention



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