INTRODUCTION

The Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board (MPDB) CPD Regulations of 2009 aims at improving professional competence and linking CPD activities to retention of practitioners in the register. It also provides an impetus for the Board to accredit programs and institutions emphasizing ethical, professional and clinical practice relevant to the practice of medicine and dentistry. Currently there are 145 accredited CPD providers who comprise referral, county, private and faith-based hospitals, professional associations, medical and dental schools and non-governmental organizations.

The Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board found it prudent to review the CPD guidelines in order to address various challenges that were encountered by both the practitioners and providers. These new guidelines shall provide direction that the practitioner and the provider will use to ensure compliance.

The Board's responsibilities is to accredit CPD providers in line with set standards, as well as ensure compliance by the practitioners before retention in the register. It is the responsibility of the CPD providers to develop and update CPD activities that are relevant and ensure appropriate returns to the Board. Finally, it should be noted that the Board has set up an online CPD platform to facilitate the management of CPD activities. It is the responsibility of all medical and dental practitioners to fulfill the minimum CPD requirements required by law and verify and update personal records with the Board using the online system.

CPD activities in these guidelines have been divided into two levels: formal and informal. Both of these cover extensive areas of interest. For practitioners who may find it difficult to attend activities away from their workstations, online CPD activities can now be easily accessed.

It must be emphasized that every practitioner wishing to be retained in the register and thus allowed to practise in Kenya must familiarize themselves with these guidelines in order to comply with the minimum CPD requirements. The Board through these guidelines also seeks to engage with CPD providers to facilitate provision of CPD activities throughout the country.

This guideline supersedes all previous editions and shall take effect from 1st January 2014.



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