

The Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators exists to serve Canadian physicians and other health care professionals who perform medicolegal evaluations of claimants or as a professional service to the legal profession, employers, workplace safety and insurance boards, workers compensation boards, Canada Pension Plan, CSST and/or the insurance industry, and who rely upon evidence-based medicine, best medical practices, and other practice guidelines.

Knowledge and Expertise:

- Provide a forum for the sharing of knowledge, experience and ideas amongst Canadian medical evaluators.
- Assist physicians who wish to develop the skills and expertise necessary to providing professional quality medico-legal services.
- Advise the medical profession at large, as well as other professions, organizations and government agencies, on all matters regarding medical evaluations.

Education:

- Provide education regarding third party independent evaluations through seminars, workshops and podcasts.

Standards:

- Unite into a single organization all Canadian practitioners who are committed to the highest possible professional standards in the performance of third party medical evaluations.
- Advance the interests of members by developing and publishing appropriate standards, guidelines and positions related to practical, professional, ethical medico-legal work.

Advocacy:

- Available as an expert body for consultation by other organizations and government agencies on all matters concerning medical evaluations in Canada.

Referrals:

- To assist the legal profession and insurance industry in locating physicians with suitable expertise, who are regionally available and interested in offering their services.

Networking and Communications:

- Provide an opportunity to meet colleagues and share best practices.
- Communicate newsworthy information to members from across the country through the CSME newsletters and the CSME website.
- Provide CSME pamphlets to educate your clients on what an independent assessment is and our positions on various issues relevant to the practice of independent evaluations such as surveillance and chaperoning.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The minimum of seven (7) years as a family physician or general practitioner, and five (5) years as a specialist.
- Good standing with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
- A medical license, current and unrestricted
- Must submit two examples of recent medico-legal evaluations (patient identifiers blanked out) with application
- Application must be sponsored by two general members. The applicant must submit an application with the name of the sponsors, their qualifications, and any other criteria required by the Membership Committee.

These samples will be graded based on the ability to do the following:

- Obtain a relevant, suitably detailed medico-legal history
- Complete and describe a relevant, in-depth clinical examination
- Critically review and analyse case documentation and identify deficiencies in the database
- Use clinical evidence to derive and clearly communicate diagnoses, impairments, and resultant disabilities

- Fully address the issue of causality by reference to logical reasoning, the evidence as a whole, and formal causation rules
- Express conclusions in fair and unbiased terms, with proper reference to the database, assessment, literature and evidence based practices.

Review of credentials and medico-legal evaluations for membership is completely confidential and privacy is protected. Those applicants obtaining a passing grade for their reports will be offered a General Membership.

Adhering to the standards and guidelines of CSME and assures third-party organizations that the physicians it endorses have passed the rigorous CSME admissions standards.

GENERAL MEMBER BENEFITS

Upon successful admission to the Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators, the applicant will receive:

- Letter of Acceptance
- Membership Certificate
- Publication of the CSME News, and all current Standards, Guidelines, and Positions

Members enjoy:

- Membership provides immediate recognition of acceptance to the standards and guidelines of CSME, qualities sought by third party organizations.
- Membership pricing for all CSME seminars, conferences and other activities
- Access to Members-Only area of the CSME website.
- Voting rights at all meetings but have certain restrictions with respect to the election of the representatives of Associate members.
- Ability to use the CSME logo, or otherwise publicly or privately convey their affiliation with CSME
- At no extra cost, to have their name and practice listed on the CSME website for those seeking expertise.

APPLICATION FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: I hereby request membership in the Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators. *(Please type or print clearly)*

Dr. Miss Mrs. Ms. Mr Last Name: _____ License No: _____

First Name: _____ Title: _____

Area of Specialty: _____ Year Obtained: ____/____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Email: _____

JOIN NOW & SAVE 50% OFF!

All general membership applications received after July 1st will be **50%** off the total amount of \$450.00 (\$503.50 incl. 13% HST). Apply now and pay only \$225.00 (\$254.25 incl. 13% HST) – your payment must be submitted along with you application.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: All membership must be renewed on January 1st (annually) is dependent upon payment of the annual fee and adherence to CSME Guidelines of Practice.

Payment Method: Cheque Visa Mcard Amex **(Payment must accompany your application before membership can be granted.)**

Name on card: _____

Card#: _____/_____/_____/_____ Expiry Date:_____/____/_____

Card Signature: _____

Credit cards will be processed through CSME GST#894035195

MEMBERSHIP MAINTENANCE: Renewal of membership (January 1st annually) is dependent upon payment of the annual fee and adherence to CSME Guidelines of Practice.

Three ways to send off your application:

(1) **BY MAIL TO:** Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators-301-250 Consumers Road~Toronto, ON~M2J 4V6

(2) **BY FAX TO:** 416-495-8723 (3) **BY EMAIL TO:** info@csme.org

Questions: contact the office at 416-487-4040 or 888-672-9999 **eMail:** info@csme.org or visit our **Website:** www.csme.org

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[Pro-rated Application July 1-December 31]