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Online CME Course NEW!

"2As+R Brief Tobacco Intervention"

An Online Training Program on Tobacco Cessation for Health Care Providers

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is offering free CME online training on helping tobacco users quit smoking. The training explains the process through three easy steps, including referral to the State's telephone tobacco cessation Quitline. The purpose of this brief course is to provide to health care professionals an evidence-based tobacco dependence treatment resource for all of their patients who use tobacco, and to emphasize the critical role of physicians in helping their patients quit. Based on current research and clinical practice, the DHEC Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control developed this course in collaboration with Free & Clear, Inc., the State's service provider for the South Carolina Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW). The audience for this course includes physicians, other health care providers, social workers, substance abuse treatment professionals, tobacco dependence treatment specialists, and other professionals seeking to adapt a brief tobacco intervention into their practice with patients.

The course is free but requires a basic registration process and takes a total of about 45 minutes to complete. To access the course online go to: www.helppatientsquitsc.org

This activity, the "2As+R Brief Tobacco Intervention" Training has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1 Prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. AAFP accreditation begins November 1, 2010. Term of approval is for two year(s) from this date, with option for yearly renewal.

AMA/AAFP Equivalency: AAFP Prescribed credit is accepted by the American Medical Association as equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. When applying for the AMA PRA, Prescribed credit earned must be reported as Prescribed, not as Category 1.

Other health professionals can receive a Certificate of Completion for completing the full training that can be applied to continuing education requirements in their respective fields.

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For more information on the S.C. Tobacco Quitline, go to http://www.scdhec.gov/quitforkeeps

