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<b>Thesis Title</b>	<b>Assessment of the attendance rate to continuing medical education activities in kerbala health directorate</b>
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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Abstract: Background: attending to continuing medical education (CME) activities in Kerbala health directorate affected by different motivations barriers; individual, structural and organizational .So assessment the attending rate will be helpful to highlight on these factors.</p> <p>Objectives :( 1)Assessment the attending rate into CME activities in Kerbala health directorate.(2)barriers motivations to physicians acquiring the skills and engaging in the CME.(3)identify a general suggestions to improve the attendance and propose solutions to better prepare physicians for ongoing self-assessment and lifelong learning.</p> <p>Method: semi-structured descriptive cross sectional study carried out from 22nd of June to 30th of December 2013 at kerbala health directorate, the study sample was 203 specialist doctors, from 6 hospitals administrative departments. Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) program version 17 and chi square test used for data analysis, and p-value= 0.05 considered statistically significant.</p> <p>Result: 94.1% was regular, irregular attending rate, males more regular than females ,hospital working more regular attending, as long as the physicians were approached CME activities with ;different strategies, external motivations ,uses multiple new technologies to learn, setting curriculum, presence of assessment evaluation, fixed policy, budget, minimize structural organizational barriers the attending rate would be increased.</p> <p>Conclusion: high attendance rate with poor efficiency competence of specialist doctors in Kerba health directorate into CME, participation need mixed external internal motivating factors, different approaches, well organized planning activities by setting curriculum, assessment, evaluation, budget, fixed policy, minimize managerial barriers with suitable timing, place provide incentives.</p>