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Action Item: PACE Accreditation

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I looked into this a bit more and also inquired with the IMQ and at this time, it doesn't appear to be something CBBS needs to be part of. I'll keep it on my radar, in case it pops up somewhere between now and the 2019 meeting.

The IMQ emphasized that it is not the same or in any way equivalent as AMA PRA Category One Credits for physicians. Their CME chair has never heard of it. Some states accept PACE credits towards physician licenses but not California.

It does apply to clinical laboratory professionals and I often see the phrase "PACE is an administrative system established to stimulate and serve as the quality assurance mechanism for continuing education programs" which really does very little to explain what the heck it is. Since the California Department of Public Health handles credits for CLFs, this seems to me like another avenue to earn those credits but I don't see an advantage to becoming a PACE provider on top of what CBBS already does.

Perhaps this exists to show a higher level of commitment to the profession, like so many other designations one can earn in various industries.