

Continuing Medical Education

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COLLEGE
OF MEDICINE

Mission Statement

CME Purpose

The mission of the Office of Continuing Medical Education (OCME) is to provide high-quality continuing medical education that promotes lifelong learning for physicians as well as other healthcare professionals and students. The overall goal of the OCME is to support the efforts of the College of Medicine (COM) and Arizona Health Sciences Center (AHSC) to enhance competence and physician performance in:

- Patient care
- Medical knowledge
- Practice-based learning and improvement
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-based practice

Because the COM is the only allopathic medical school in Arizona, the OCME strives to provide education to healthcare professionals of Arizona and extends its service to include other state, national and international healthcare professionals.

Target Audience

CME activities are made available to physicians, medical educators, and clinical research professionals at the local, regional, national and international levels. However, the development of these CME activities is based primarily on the specific educational needs of the faculty, Fellows, Residents, and Medical Students of the COM and affiliated hospitals and clinics. Participation of non-physician healthcare professionals associated with the COM and AHSC is also encouraged.

Types of Activities

The OCME offers a range of CME activities which includes specialty-specific seminars and conferences, interdepartmental public health symposia, department-specific regularly scheduled sessions (e.g. grand rounds, tumor boards, and mortality/morbidity conferences), teleconferences, telemedicine activities, audio-conferences, and internet-based or other enduring materials. The educational design and methods for CME activities is selected based on the identified practice gap(s), the need, content to be addressed, and expected results of the activity.

Content

The OCME collaborates with the AHSC faculty and renowned community, state, national and international educators, to develop, implement, and evaluate educational activities to enhance one or more of the following ACGME/ABMS core competencies related to:

- Clinical care
- Professionalism
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Medical knowledge
- Practice-based learning and improvement

- Systems-based practice

With these core competencies as a platform, the content is developed based on the needs of our physician audience and frequently includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease;
- 2) efficient and cost-effective healthcare-delivery;
- 3) medical ethics;
- 4) clinical research; and,
- 5) professionalism for all clinical specialties.

Scope

The scope of activities involves the body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the medical profession, including, basic medical sciences, clinical medicine, and the delivery of healthcare to the public.

Expected Results

The OCME fulfills its mission by increasing knowledge, advancing physician competence and/or improving clinical performance by providing high quality activities. The expected results include changes in a) physician's strategies, or skills and abilities to perform a task; b) perceived self-efficacy in clinical practice; c) physician performance; and/or d) patient health outcomes.

The mission statement is reviewed annually and approved by the Medical Director, Continuing Medical Education; CME Committee and Chair; and the Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs, College of Medicine.