



Course Director's Validation of Clinical Content of CME

ACCME's Definition of CME:

Continuing Medical Education (CME) is a process of lifelong learning that serves to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, professional performance and relationships that physicians use in the care of patients. Learning activities that respond to a physician's non-professional educational need or interest such as personal financial planning or appreciation of literature or music, for example are not CME

AMA Ethical Opinion 9.011 says:

"Physicians serving as presenters, moderators, or other faculty at a CME conference should ensure that...Research findings and therapeutic recommendations are based on scientifically accurate, up-to-date information..."

In 2002, the ACCME issued specific expectations and guidelines to all CME providers about the need to establish a mechanism to ensure the validation of clinical content. These expectations state that all content and recommendations involving patient care aspects of the practice of medicine ***must be based on sound, scientific evidence generally accepted within the profession of medicine*** as an adequate justification for their use.

Therefore, the Chicago Medical Society requires that all speakers submit their clinical content ***directly to their course directors*** for their reference and review. Consequently, all course directors will need to review their speakers' content, prior to the activity, and sign a document verifying with the CMS office that their content has been reviewed and is validated. This important procedure is the mechanism that the Chicago Medical Society has established to comply with the ACCME's guidelines on clinical content validation.

Failure to comply with this requirement would adversely affect the accreditation status of the Chicago Medical Society. Examples of CME activities that are in noncompliance are those that promulgate recommendations, treatments or manners of practicing medicine that are not within the definition of CME or known to have risks or dangers that outweigh the benefits or known to be ineffective.

Course Director's Name (please print): _____

Organization: _____

Activity Title: _____

I verify that all of my speakers' clinical content has been reviewed and validated:

Signature:

Date: