

Mission Statement
Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLUSM)
Office of Continuing Medical Education

Learning, the primary product of medical education, is not complete upon graduation from medical school and residency. A key attribute of the profession of medicine, life-long learning challenges physicians to stay abreast of the ever-expanding body of advancing scientific and medical knowledge. It is the responsibility of a school of medicine to seek dynamic mastery of this ever-increasing body of knowledge and to effectively communicate it in a contemporary fashion through a system that will meet or exceed the Essential Areas and Policies of the ACCME and the guidelines of the AMA's Physicians Recognition Award.

PURPOSE

The mission of the Office of Continuing Medical Education (CME) is to support and facilitate the LLUSM's mission in education, research, service, developing the whole person and reaching the world by facilitating the dissemination of contemporary medical knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors to ultimately improve the quality of **patient care** and to continue the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ, "To Make Man Whole."

The scope of its activities are three-fold:

As an academic institution we foster continued excellence in the on-going seeking for truth - in research, education and service.

As a Christian institution we communicate advancing medical knowledge within the setting of redemption and the integration of the spiritual and cultural dimension of humankind.

As the flagship health-care educational center for the Seventh-day Adventist Church we serve as a resource of ongoing medical expertise for Seventh-day Adventist physicians and institutions throughout the world.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The focus and intensity of our efforts will be directed to physicians and other health care providers within the medical community locally, nationally and globally with specific emphasis on providing continuing education opportunities for alumni, faculty, community physicians, and Christian healthcare providers worldwide.

CONTENT

The content of LLUSM CME activities will address the identified needs of physicians in the appropriate target audience and will include topics in all specialties and medical departments. We will facilitate and provide faculty development courses to fulfill the SM's educational and research missions. Content will be evidence-based, free of commercial influence and promote improvements or quality in healthcare.

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

The general types of activities and services provided to accomplish our mission will include but are not limited to live activities (e.g. conferences, workshops, seminars, hands-on skill training [e.g. simulation laboratory programs], discussion groups), regularly scheduled series (e.g. grand rounds, tumor boards, morbidity and mortality conferences) and enduring materials (e.g. home study courses). Formats that promote learner-centered education will be strongly encouraged.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The continuing educational development opportunities are intended to improve physicians and other health care professional's knowledge, competency and performance. We will provide activities that will facilitate professional career development as measured by faculty promotion. The Office of Continuing Medical Education is committed to evaluate its CME program to ensure that this goal is met and to assess if the knowledge, skills, competencies and performance of physicians are enhanced as a result of their participation in our activities.

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