

CME Content

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Functional area: Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Department: Spectrum Health Office of Medical Education (OME)

- 1. Purpose:** To define appropriate content for CME
- 2. Responsibilities:** CME personnel
Spectrum Health Hospitals is accredited by the Michigan State Medical Society to provide Continuing Medical Education (CME) for physicians. The CME Office is responsible for ensuring compliance with the ACCME Essential Areas, Elements, Criteria, Policies and Standards for Commercial Support as well as other regulations as they relate to the quality of CME.
- 3. Regulations:** CME activities provided by accredited MSMS (Michigan State Medical Society) providers are used for the purpose of increasing physician knowledge, skills, performance, and to assist physicians with state re-licensure. The Accreditation Council for continuing Medical Education (ACCME) defines content that is acceptable for CME as:

“educational activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase knowledge, skills, and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public, or the profession. The content of CME is that body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine, and the provision of health care to the public.”

3.1.1 Independence of Content

The content of a CME activity must provide a balanced option for available treatment and be unbiased toward a particular product or manufacturer. Pros and cons should be analyzed and reflected in the content, and based on a need related to physician competence, practice performance improvement, or increased quality in patient care.