



CME Mission

Purpose

The mission of the Colorado Medical Society continuing medical education (CME) program is to promote lifelong learning and professional growth for physicians and health care teams through the provision of high quality ACCME Accredited CME activities. These activities address identified practice gaps in health care and systems of care, patient safety, access to care, and other significant public health concerns. Through its provision of CME, Colorado Medical Society strives to improve the practice of medicine and the health of the citizens in the Colorado region.

Content Areas

The content of our CME program aims to help physicians and clinical team professionals reinforce general core competencies including: professionalism, interpersonal and communication skills, medical knowledge, patient care and procedural skills, practice-based learning and improvement, and systems based practice. Our goal is to offer current ACCME Accredited CME activities in: health care reform and its impact on medical practice and patient care; identification and elimination of health care disparities; mastering cultural competency; medical ethics, special needs of the disabled, aged or mental health populations; managing health information technology and health information exchange systems; implementation of quality improvement systems; adopting the patient-centered medical home model and systems of care; patient safety; risk management; and information on public health concerns such as pandemic and disaster preparedness. Through a regularly administered needs assessment survey, and other gap analysis tools, we will add additional relevant topics.

Target Audience

Our CME program serves all licensed physicians (MD and DO) in Colorado and surrounding region who practice medicine, or serve in a teaching, research, leadership or administrative role. We will reach out to physician members of the Colorado Medical Society and its component societies and other specialty societies. Our secondary audience includes clinical team professionals such as nurses, physician assistants, and others involved in patient care management.

Types of Activities

Live courses, tele/videoconferences, webinars, print and Internet enduring materials that include interactive components will be the primary format for our CME program initially. Performance improvement CME (PI CME) is recognized as an important and effective format for physician learning and change and for maintenance of certification requirements. As our CME program evolves, PI CME will be included in future planning.

Expected Results of the CME Program

The expected results of our CME program are to increase our participants' awareness, knowledge, competence and performance in the areas of patient safety, professional accountability, quality improvement, patient access to care and current medical and technical skills knowledge. We expect that physicians will be better informed to make important decisions about practice changes that will improve the quality, safety and accessibility of healthcare for the citizens of Colorado.