



CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) MISSION STATEMENT

Roger Williams Medical Center is accredited by the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) to sponsor Continuing Medical Education for physicians. Recognizing that practicing physicians are committed to the lifelong pursuit of learning, the mission of the Office of CME is to build upon that educational continuum by offering high quality educational activities and interventions for our physician and allied health professionals. We are committed to fostering an educational environment for the healthcare professional seeking advances in knowledge, skills and competencies relevant to clinical practice and medical professionalism.

The Office of CME plans and executes CME activities in accordance with all the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Essential Areas, Policies, and Standards for Commercial Support (SCS).

PURPOSE

The CME Program's purpose is to provide educational activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public or the profession. Our activities will support professional development and provide scientific and evidence-based educational opportunities that contribute to quality healthcare.

CONTENT

The Roger Williams Medical Center (RWMC) provides activities that meet the criteria established by the ACCME and the American Medical Association. The content of such programs is the 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. Additional content may include risk management, changes in healthcare regulations, ethics, and evidence-based medicine.

Furthermore, content is based on the identification and analysis of the target audience's continuing medical education needs as articulated by participants, department chairs, and quality initiatives. CME activities are designed to narrow gaps in the learners' current or potential scope of professional practice. Content may also include that which relates to the type of care offered by the RWMC core service lines and the population served.

TARGET AUDIENCE

CME activities are primarily designed and presented to serve the professional and educational needs of physicians and Licensed Independent Practitioners who are credentialed to practice medicine at Roger Williams Medical Center and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital. Although the content and strategy of the

CME is determined by the needs and interests of these physicians, other interested physicians may also attend CME programs.

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

In an effort to accommodate a diversity of adult learning styles, education will be provided through didactic, interactive and case-based formats. RWMC will also *jointly sponsor CME activities* to work collaboratively within the community.

Our current types of activities include but are not limited to:

- Regularly Scheduled Series (RSS) – i.e. Tumor Board, Surgical M&M, Medicine Grand Rounds
- Live courses, annual conferences – i.e. Whitmarsh Lecture
- RIMS Section 6.2.1 requirement - a minimum of two (2) hours related to current information on any one or more of the following topics: universal precautions, infection control, modes of transmission, bioterrorism, OSHA, ethics, end-of-life education, palliative care, pain management, and other regulatory requirements

EXPECTED RESULTS

It is expected that participants in CME activities integrate what they learn into their practice to improve their competence and performance in areas of patient care, patient safety and professional practice. Accredited providers are expected to design their educational activities to meet the current or potential scope of practice for their participants.

The RWMC CME Program measures its effectiveness on two levels: participant and program. Assessing changes in participant competence and performance include the following: post activity evaluations, pre and post-assessments/tests, commitment to change declarations, and informal follow-up of activity participants.

The results of these assessments guide program changes and improvements. On an annual basis, the CME Program will determine the overall achievement of its mission by evaluating the components outlined above, evaluating compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation and identifying improvements to be made.

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