

Mission

Scripps Health is committed to improving the quality of health care and advancing the practice of medicine by providing high quality, evidence-based and clinically relevant continuing medical education (CME) activities for physicians and allied health care professionals. Educational activities are developed with a focus on improving physician knowledge, competence and performance in practice, with the ultimate goal of improving patient outcomes.

The Office of Continuing Medical Education maintains responsibility for the planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation of all continuing medical education (CME) activities sponsored and/or offered by Scripps Health in order to ensure that the requirements of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, American Medical Association and other applicable regulatory bodies are met.

Content Areas

Scripps Health's CME program includes a wide range of primary care, specialty and subspecialty topics in all fields of medicine. The educational need for activities is determined through a comprehensive assessment process utilizing data from multiple sources. This data is used to identify performance gaps in professional practice that need to be addressed in order to meet the standards of current best practices in the profession. Content for all activities is chosen for its relevance to the target audience and focuses on evidence-based advances in clinical practice, technology and research. Other topics such as leadership/management skills, health policy, and ethics are also covered as appropriate.

Activities are planned to enhance both the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Competencies with a specific focus on providing patient-centered care, working in interdisciplinary teams, employing evidence-based practice, and the continuous improvement of procedural skills and medical knowledge. Scripps CME activities are developed free of the influence of commercial interests. CME activities receiving commercial support are managed according to ACCME Standards for Commercial Support as well as internal Scripps Health policies.

Expected Results

As a result of their participation in the Scripps Health CME program, learners will improve their competence and or performance in practice. Scripps is committed to assessing the impact and effectiveness of its CME program on learners through qualitative and quantitative methods including one or more of the following: post activity evaluation, self-reported reflective statements, and follow-up assessments and/or outcomes measurements. Following an educational activity Scripps expects that the learners will report one or more of the following: 1) expanded or reinforced knowledge, 2) expressed intent/commitment to change and apply newly acquired strategies in clinical practice, and 3) behavioral/practice changes actually implemented based on participation in the activity.