

AACC's Continuing Medical Education Mission Statement

The mission of AACC's program for Continuing Medical Education (CME) is to provide CME which advances the profession and practice of clinical laboratory science and its application to healthcare. The development and promotion of AACC as a provider of CME enables this mission.

Expected Results

The overall goal is to enable AACC to be a premier provider of CME in clinical laboratory medicine, including the utilization, performance, interpretation of clinical laboratory tests, and improved patient outcomes.

Specific goals include:

1. conducting ongoing needs assessment of targeted physician audiences.
2. designing and implementing educational activities [responsive to the needs of these audiences] which will develop or improve the competence, skills and professional performance required by physicians.
3. evaluating completed activities and modifying as appropriate to ensure the needs of intended audiences are met.
4. enabling physicians to change and improve their clinical practice and measuring the impact of their participation in these activities.

Scope

AACC will implement educational activities in clinical effectiveness, scientific and technical competence, and management of the laboratory. The scope of topics includes test logic and appropriateness, clinical consultation, laboratory automation, informatics and robotics, leadership and multi-disciplinary team building.

Target Audience

AACC's intended CME audience consists primarily of laboratory medicine physicians. Selected programs are also appropriate for other medical specialists, particularly pediatricians, internists and their subspecialties, and other primary care providers.

Provided Activities

Provided activities will include plenary sessions, symposia, interactive workshops, short courses, forums on selected topics, brown bag sessions, "Meet the Experts" sessions, audio-conferences, video-conferences, online activities, enduring materials, journal reading, and self-directed learning events.

Joint Sponsorship

AACC will maintain control of the development of activities that are jointly sponsored with non-accredited providers to assure compliance with the ACCME Essential Areas and Policies.

CME Advisory Committee

The CME Advisory Committee, consisting of five to six AACC members appointed by the AACC President, is responsible for helping AACC achieve its CME program goals.

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