Guthrie Health
Office of Continuing Medical Education
Mission Statement

Purpose

The purpose of our CME mission is to provide high quality evidence-based educational opportunities that advance knowledge, skills, and performance of physicians to enhance their ability to provide excellent patient care, health maintenance, and improved patient outcomes. The CME Office is committed to serve as a catalyst for the life-long learning process with the intent to improve the quality of care and patient safety. We strive to utilize our resources to educate our physicians and benefit the people of our communities by offering diverse, multi-faceted educational activities reinforcing awareness and the importance of self motivation, self-assessment, and the development of self-learning skills.

Target Audience

CME activities are primarily designed and presented to serve the educational needs of all physicians within the Guthrie Health System. Other interested physicians regardless of affiliation are also welcome to attend. As a teaching institution and system-based approach to education, we also welcome and encourage attendance of residents, medical and nursing students, nurses and other healthcare professionals to foster multidisciplinary collaboration.

Content

Guthrie Health CME will provide educational activities that meet the criteria for Category 1 as designated by the AMA Physicians Recognition Award. It will also follow the essential areas, standards and policies of the Accreditation Council of Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and other standards established by the Pennsylvania Medical Society.
The content of the CME program is determined but not limited to, physicians, hospital and clinical departments, administration, including performance improvement, quality improvement initiatives, patient safety and risk management; physician surveys, community health reports/statistics, advances in clinical medicine and research, and peer review activities.
CME activities will be designed to close the gaps that were identified by advancing knowledge and competence, continuously improving clinical skills and performance, and addressing professional behaviors related to the practice of medicine.
Activities may be designed to incorporate the desired physician attributes as defined by the ACGME & ABMS competencies.

Types of Activities

Multiple types of CME will be offered including but are not limited to, system-wide and departmental grand rounds, discipline-specific conferences, case conferences, tumor board, live symposia, web-based education and live teleconferences.

Expected Results

The expected result of the Guthrie Health CME is to advance physician medical knowledge and competence, performance, and/or improve patient outcomes through integration of evidence-based CME content and quality improvement upon the care of our patients. Metrics for determining the achievement of the expected results may include:

Competence: Pre and post activity evaluations using an audience response system or paper questionnaire to measure immediate learning
Performance: Identifying intentions to change practice as a result of the content conducted immediately following intervention, with follow-up surveys 30-90 days post-activity to determine whether new behaviors were incorporated as intended.
Patient Outcomes: Collaborate with Quality outcomes, Patient Safety and/or other areas to identify educational opportunities for physicians regarding initiatives as documented by Guthrie Health indicators and review for changes post intervention(s).

The results of these assessments will be analyzed to determine if the expected results were achieved. Guthrie Health's CME Program will be evaluated to determine overall achievement of its mission, compliance with Criteria for Accreditation, improvements to be made.

Our mission is reviewed annually by the CMEC and granted final approval by the Guthrie Health Board of Directors.

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