

CME 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) for physicians and the interdisciplinary care team. The mission of the continuing medical education program at Scripps is to develop diverse educational initiatives designed to improve knowledge, competence and performance in practice, with the ultimate goal of improving patient and community health.

The CME team maintains responsibility for the planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation of all continuing medical education activities sponsored and/or offered by Scripps Health to ensure that the Essentials and Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education 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 needs assessment process utilizing data from multiple sources. This data is used to identify performance gaps in professional practice that need to be addressed to assist clinicians in meeting the current best practices and standards of care in various specialty areas. 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 and management skills, health policy, ethics, and diversity, equity, and inclusion are also covered as appropriate.

Activities are planned to enhance both the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Core 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 bias from ineligible companies. CME activities receiving commercial support are managed according to the ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education as well as 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 evaluations, self-reported reflective statements, self-reported commitment to change, 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 implemented based on participation in the activity.