



CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION POLICIES: Ensure Content is Valid

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Background

The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) requires that accredited providers ensure that their education is fair and balanced and that any clinical content presented supports safe, effective patient care.

Procedure

All accredited continuing medical education activities will comply with ACCME content validation requirements:

1. Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine (TJFF COM) Continuing Medical Education (CME) requires that all recommendations for patient care in accredited continuing education must be based on current science, evidence, and clinical reasoning, while giving a fair and balanced view of diagnostic and therapeutic options.
2. All scientific research referred to, reported, or used in accredited education in support or justification of a patient care recommendation must conform to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection, analysis and interpretation.
3. Although accredited continuing education is an appropriate place to discuss, debate, and explore new and evolving topics, these areas must be clearly identified as such within the program and individual presentations. TJFF COM CME will facilitate engagement with these topics without advocating for, or promoting, practices that are not, or not yet, adequately based on current science, evidence, and clinical reasoning.
4. The ACCME states that organizations cannot be accredited if they advocate for unscientific approaches to diagnosis or therapy, or if their education promotes recommendations, treatment, or manners of practicing healthcare that are determined to have risks or dangers that outweigh the benefits or are known to be ineffective in the treatment of patients.

TJFF COM CME will not advocate for unscientific approaches to diagnosis or therapy, promote recommendations, treatment, or manners of practicing healthcare that are determined to have risks or dangers that outweigh the benefits or are known to be ineffective in the treatment of patients.

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