

MISSION STATEMENT

Oregon Health & Science University Division of Continuing Medical Education

Purpose

The mission of the Division of Continuing Medical Education is to promote high quality health care through effective educational activities.

The goals of the division are to:

- Improve healthcare provider competency and performance in order to enhance the health status of the population
- Disseminate new medical knowledge
- Improve patient safety and facilitate patient centered care
- Translate research into effective healthcare delivery (knowledge translation)
- Promote the practice of evidence based medicine
- Optimize appropriate prescribing behaviors
- Improve access to care

Content

The content of activities focuses on the body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the health profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine, and the provision of health care to the public. Information provided is scientifically balanced, evidence-based and free of bias.

Target audience

Physicians, physician's assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and pharmacists practicing at OHSU and in Oregon and the western United States

Activities

A range of educational formats is used in CME activities. Examples of these formats include:

- Live seminars and conferences
- Department-sponsored regularly-scheduled conference series
- Conjoint conferences with community hospitals and other physician groups
- Activities including "hands-on" skills training and simulation-based learning
- One on one supervised clinical experience for physicians who seek to re-enter practice
- Computer-based enduring materials

Expected Results

The OHSU continuing medical education program assesses the impact of its activities on learners' change in competence. Higher-level evaluation of activity effectiveness, measured change in learner performance or patient outcomes is encouraged.