



# **DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION**

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## **Policy on Content Validation**

### **Definition of CME**

"CME consists of educational activities that serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge skills, professional competence and relationships a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public, or the profession. The content of CME is the body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine, and the provision of healthcare to the public" (ACCME Policy 1982-B-03)

### **Clinical Medicine**

All recommendations involving clinical medicine in a CME activity must be based on evidence that is accepted within the profession of medicine as adequate justification for their indications and contraindications in the care of patients. (ACCME Policy 2002-B-09)

### **Scientific Research**

All scientific research referred to, reported or used in CME activity in support or justification of a patient care recommendation must conform to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis. (ACCME Policy 2002-B-09)

### **Treatment/Practice**

All recommendations, treatment, or manners of practicing medicine discussed in a CME activity must be within the definition of CME and must not be known (a) to have risks or dangers that outweigh the benefits or (b) to be ineffective in the treatment of patients. (ACCME Policy 2002-B-09)