

CME Clinical Content Validation

Accredited providers are responsible for validating the clinical content of CME activities that they provide. Specifically,

1. All the 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.
2. All scientific research referred to, reported, or used in CME in support or justification of a patient care recommendation must conform to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis.
3. Providers are not eligible for ACCME accreditation or reaccreditation if they present activities that promote recommendations, treatment, or manners of practicing medicine that are not within the definition of CME, or known to have risks or dangers that outweigh the benefits or known to be ineffective in the treatment of patients. An organization whose program of CME is devoted to advocacy of unscientific modalities of diagnosis or therapy is not eligible to apply for ACCME accreditation.

ACCME Note:

Accredited CME is accountable to the public for presenting clinical content that supports safe, effective patient care. The ACCME Clinical Content Validation policy is designed to ensure that patient care recommendations made during CME activities are accurate, reliable, and based on scientific evidence. Clinical care recommendations must be supported by data or information accepted within the profession of medicine. Standard for Commercial Support 5: Content and Format without Commercial Bias includes additional direction about CME content validity.

Related Criteria:

[Criterion 10](#)

Related Standards:

[Standard 5](#)

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