

**PURPOSE:** The USCSOM-PH CME Organization is committed to developing, implementing, managing and evaluating high quality continuing medical education activities to enhance physicians' competence and performance in the ACGME/ABMS general competency areas; to meet regulatory and institutional requirements; and to stimulate life-long learning. The USCSOM-PH CME Organization collaborates with organizations and key individuals who have a direct stake or interest in the development and outcome of CME activities. These include, but are not limited to, quality improvement offices, institutional leadership and health-related state agencies.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** The USCSOM-PH CME activities are available to physicians, medical educators and clinical researchers at the local, regional and national levels. The development of these activities is based primarily on the particular educational needs of the faculty and practitioners at the USCSOM, PH and other affiliated hospitals or clinics. The participation of community and health-related state agency physicians as well as non-physician health care professionals associated with the USCSOM, PH and other affiliated hospitals or clinics is also encouraged, when appropriate.

**TYPE OF ACTIVITIES PROVIDED:** The CME office will sponsor activities that include, but are not limited to, symposia, conferences, seminars, regularly scheduled series, workshops and performance improvement. The educational design and methods for CME activities are selected based on the identified needs, the content to be addressed and the expected results of the activity.

**CONTENT:** The CME Program will determine the content of its activities based on the learner gaps of our physician audience in meeting: regulatory and institutional requirements, and the ACGME/ABMS general competencies which include patient care, medical knowledge, professionalism, communication skills, practice-based improvement, and systems-based practice. Content includes, but is not limited to, 1) the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease, 2) efficient and cost-effective health care-delivery, 3) medical ethics, 4) clinical research, and 5) professionalism for all clinical specialties. CME content will meet the standards of scientific integrity and will be free of commercial interest influence or control.

### **EXPECTED RESULTS:**

The USCSOM-PH CME Organization expects that the result of its CME activities for physician learners will be to enhance their:

- Competence (knowledge, skills, abilities and strategies to perform their responsibilities); and/or;
- Performance; and/or;
- Patient health outcomes.

Physicians view the Office of CME and Faculty Development as:

- Customer friendly;
- Responsive to their needs;
- Effectively providing CME to meet those needs.