
CME Mission Statement

Purpose

The CME Committee of the AIUM is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in ultrasound through continuing medical education activities that enhance the knowledge and skills of medical ultrasound professionals, thus improving the quality of patient care and outcomes through the safe and effective use of medical ultrasound.

Target Audience

The AIUM's CME program focuses on identifying practice gaps and meeting the underlying educational **needs** of ultrasound professionals from various medical disciplines and specialty areas. These needs are determined by continued follow-up evaluation of CME activities to determine educational effectiveness, and through the review of current literature and new developments in the field. The educational components of the AIUM's CME activities, developed based on these identified needs, are designed to achieve maximum learning outcomes, address knowledge deficits, and provide learners with strategies that will improve their competence.

Content Area

Because the AIUM is a multidisciplinary association encompassing all medical ultrasound professionals, the content of each CME activity is developed to address specific topics in ultrasound, including basic science, instrumentation, safety, professional issues, and current and emerging clinical applications in ultrasound.

Types of Activities

1. The AIUM CME Committee oversees all CME activities, including:
 - a. The annual convention, educational workshops, hands-on activities, jointly sponsored endeavors, and educational courses held throughout the year;
 - b. Enduring materials including educational video programs, online activities, the *Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine* self-assessment activities, including manuscript reviews and online CME tests; and
 - c. Monitoring outcomes of educational effectiveness.
2. The CME Committee comprises physicians, sonographers, basic scientists, and other medical ultrasound professionals. This committee is charged with the responsibility of:
 - a. Overseeing the development of educational activities according to ACCME requirements;
 - b. Monitoring the quality of AIUM educational activities;
 - c. Serving as an advisory member to the Annual Convention Committee; and
 - d. Discussing and resolving CME disclosure and accreditation issues.

3. The CME Committee's expected results are as follows:
- a. Developing highly targeted and effective educational offerings that meet the needs of all disciplines utilizing medical ultrasound and comply with the criteria for the Essentials Areas and their Elements of the ACCME, and the AMA Ethical Opinion on Gifts to Physician;
 - b. Lead to improving the quality of ultrasound scans performed by physicians, sonographers, and other healthcare professionals, which will promote improved interpretation and increased accuracy in the diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions;
 - c. Facilitating cooperation from related ultrasound societies to develop expert consensus-based practice parameters and clinician training guidelines that will provide uniformity and standardization in the field of medical ultrasound;
 - d. Increasing knowledge and skills relative to the latest technological and scientific advancements in the field of medical ultrasound, thus improving competence and practice performance among physicians, sonographers, and other healthcare professionals using ultrasound; and
 - e. Providing high quality educational programs from which ultrasound professionals will improve their knowledge and skills in everyday practice.

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