

American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
Continuing Medical Education / Continuing Professional Development Committee

CME MISSION STATEMENT

CME PURPOSE

The mission of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) is to advance the science and the practice of allergy, asthma, immunology and related diseases. The purpose of the ACAAI Continuing Medical Education (CME) / Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee is to support that mission through the development and implementation of a high quality, evidence-based CME/CPD program. This program integrates professional practice improvement and Maintenance of Certification activities within CME/CPD to improve knowledge, skills, attitudes, competence, and performance in allergy and immunology practice through the promotion and integration of the core competencies of:

- Patient Care
- Medical Knowledge
- Practice-based Learning and Improvement
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-based Practice

These competencies are deemed necessary for patient safety and quality patient care. The ACAAI has established a quality program of CME/CPD activities that is independent, fair, balanced, objective, and relevant. The ACAAI aims to provide activities to meet the identified education needs of participants, while supporting the development of professional and personal lifelong learning values, individual self-assessment, and self-directed learning. Through excellence in these education activities, the ACAAI will strive to maintain a leadership position in the area of CME/CPD.

The CME/CPD program under the direction of the CME/CPD Committee receives the full support and commitment of the Board of Regents of the ACAAI.

CONTENT AREAS

The design and development of the ACAAI CME/CPD program content focuses on core competencies and quality improvement in allergy and immunology that lead to best practice recommendations for clinical care and to better patient care and services, driven by systematic ongoing needs assessments and practice gap analyses. Educational programs promote excellence in interdisciplinary practice, education, research, teaching, patient and community health care education and public awareness.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The CME/CPD program is conducted for allergists/immunologists, other physicians and allied health care professionals interested in current developments regarding the treatment and management of patients with allergic, asthma, and immunologic diseases and related disorders in local, regional, national and international settings. In addition, patients may be directly educated on issues that fall within the mission of the ACAAI.

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

All CME/CPD program activities are designed to improve practice competence. Teaching is conducted according to adult education learning principles and practices. Appropriate content, educational design, instructional method and learning format is guided by learning objectives obtained from learner needs assessment, and are selected to optimize the educational needs and learning objectives of the planned educational activity. Both Directly and Jointly Sponsored activities are included. Types of activities include but are not limited to Live Courses, Journal-based CME, Performance Improvement CME and Enduring Material. These offerings are delivered most commonly in person, in print, or through the Internet.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The ACAAI's CME/CPD program's educational interventions are designed to improve individual member knowledge, skills, attitudes and professional practice competence and/or performance. We expect that when measured, our learners will demonstrate competence, and/or performance and the effective use of targeted skills. We expect that they will indicate intent to change practice behavior, identify barriers to change, apply newly acquired strategies in their practice, and report greater confidence in managing clinical problems.