



**INOVA<sup>®</sup>**



**Continuing  
Medical  
Education**

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<i>Subject:</i>	<b>CME Program Purpose &amp; Mission</b>	<i>Date of Last Revision:</i>	May 2018

**1.1 Inova Health System Office of Continuing Medical Education CME Mission Statement**

The CME Mission Statement of Inova Health System is congruent with and supported by the organization’s mission and vision statements as follows:

**Inova Health System Mission Statement**

The mission of Inova Health System is to improve the health of the diverse community we serve through excellence in patient care, education and research.

**Purpose**

The purpose of Inova Health System’s Office of Continuing Medical Education (OCME) is to support the Inova Health System commitment to “improve the health of the diverse community we serve through excellence in patient care, education, and research.” This is accomplished by creating and facilitating the highest quality, evidence-based, educational opportunities to advance physician competence, enhance practice performance, improve patient safety, and cultivate lifelong learning.

**Content**

The OCME provides educational activities based on competencies related to clinical medicine, medical research and medical education. The content areas of primary importance are driven by systematic ongoing needs assessment that lead to higher standards of patient care consistent

with the current health care environment. The scope of the activities provided includes clinical practice, education, research, teaching, and patient and population health care education.

### **Target Audience**

The primary focus of the OCME is the education of practicing physicians in Northern Virginia and the adjoining regions. Participation of medical students, residents, nurses and other healthcare professionals to foster multidisciplinary collaboration is welcomed and encouraged. When consistent with our mission, the CME Office will work with outside organizations through joint providerships.

### **Types of Activities Provided**

IHS OCME program provides both traditional and innovative continuing education activities. The methods of instruction are varied to offer learning experiences, appealing to diverse and individual learning styles and practice setting requirements. These activities may include: didactic lectures, seminars, regularly scheduled series (grand rounds, morbidity and mortality, journal club), symposia, enduring materials, and hands on workshops.

### **Expected Results of the Program**

The OCME is committed to assessing the impact and effectiveness of its CME program on learners through qualitative and quantitative methods including: pre activity self-report, post activity self-report and assessment evaluation, and follow-up assessments and/or outcomes measurements. Following an educational intervention, OCME expects that the learners will report one or more of the following: 1) expanded or reinforced knowledge, 2) greater confidence in their approach to clinical problems, or 3) express their intent to change their behavior and apply newly acquired strategies in clinical practice

### **1.2 Organizational Structure**

The OCME is led by the Director and Medical Director. Both positions report to the Chief Medical Officer at Inova Health System.

### **1.3 Program Business and Management Procedures**

It is the policy of the Office of Continuing Medical Education to adhere to policies and procedures set by Inova in all areas of business, management, financial, and legal issues. All Inova policies and procedures can be found through Inova Net, intranet, and in the employee handbook.



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