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 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 Systems Office of Continuing Medical Education (OCME) is to facilitate the highest quality of patient care by sponsoring and promoting high-quality, evidence-based educational opportunities that are designed to advance physician competence, enhance practice performance, promote patient safety and cultivate lifelong learning.

**Goals**
The goals of OCME are to meet or exceed Essential Areas and Policies of the Medical Society of Virginia/Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and the guidelines of the American Medical Association’s Physician’s Recognition Award. In addition:

- To provide up-to-date, clinically relevant, scientifically rigorous, evidence-based medical information targeted to specific physician audiences within the medical center in order to promote excellence in all aspects of medical care and patient safety.

- To provide the physician with updated information that is both relevant and essential in order to keep their knowledge and skills at the highest possible levels commensurate with the standards of excellence at Inova. The programs must utilize a strong educational design, including educational objectives that relate to acquisition of knowledge and improved practice performance.

- To partner with distinguished organizations and institutions, under the clinical and scientific guidance of the Inova faculty, to offer educational activities to local, regional and national medical communities that expand the reach and contribution of the Inova clinical faculty.

- To assist physicians and healthcare professionals in gaining competency and improving performance in order to become better able to provide higher quality care in order to enhance the health status of the population.

- To increase OCME’s capabilities to understand and measure the needs of its diverse physician audiences through increased research into educational needs and teaching outcomes.

**Content**
The OCME provides educational activities based on competencies related to the spectrum of 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 and services consistent with the current health care environment. The scope of the activities includes clinical practice, education, research, teaching, patient and community health care education and public awareness.

**Target Audience**
The target audience includes IHS faculty, affiliated physicians, allied health care practitioners and all other local, regional and national health care professionals.
Types of Activities Provided
IHS OCME program organizes and provides both traditional and innovative continuing education activities. The methods of instruction are varied to offer different types of learning experiences, appealing to diverse and individual learning styles and practice setting requirements. These activities may include: didactic lectures, seminars, regularly scheduled conferences (grand rounds, morbidity and mortality), journal club, symposia, CME enduring materials and hands on workshops. Joint sponsorship of activities with non-accredited organizations is also available to extend the educational services of IHS.

Expected Results of the Program
As a result of these educational activities, IHS fosters the continuing professional development of health care providers and expects participation in its CME activities to result in the physicians’ improved competency and performance through application of enhanced medical knowledge, improved skills, better practice performance and overall ability to better provide the quality and appropriateness of care expected by patients. OCME is committed to assessing the impact of the CME program on an ongoing basis through qualitative and quantitative methods to ensure that this goal is being met. These results may be utilized to plan and improve subsequent activities.