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News

May 2012 News

Learning Objectives

ACMEC processes over 100 applications for CME credit per year from a variety of organizations. The applications have become complicated reflecting the increased regulation from ACCME.

One particular arm of confusion is the "Learning Objective." Simply put, this is the essential premise a teacher wishes to impart to the learner. The learner completes the presentation and will evaluate the teacher as to whether they accomplished the objective.

While the guidance for CME would imply that CME objectives are set in stone, quite often new gaps in information surface while presenters are developing their content. These gaps are often in greater need of being addressed than the original objectives that were applied for. Tying CME to inflexible objectives will result in irrelevant CME activity. Our focus should be on presenting current, evidence based relevant information. While confusion is the norm with CME regulation ACMEC tries to educate and hand hold to find the line between compliance and relevant programming.

Academy of Family Physicians Meeting

This year's 64th Annual Meeting of the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians will meet in McCall, Idaho on May 18-20, 2012. The agenda provides 13 hours of prescribed credit for Family Physicians. Details on the conference offering and registration can be found at www.idahofamilyphysicians.org.

Upcoming Conferences

5/18-20/2012 Idaho Academy of Family Physicians, Neva Santos idahofap@aol.com McCall
7/27-29/2012 Idaho Medical Association Annual Meeting, Erin Trimble erin@idmed.org Sun Valley
11/11/2012 One Day Primary Care Seminar, Neva Santos idahofap@aol.com Jackpot, Nevada

Regularly Scheduled Conferences

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. - Anderson Center
Wednesday, 12:15 p.m. - Winter Room
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - McCleary Auditorium

Other Regularly Scheduled Conferences

St Luke's RMC

Thoracic Tumor Board - 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 a.m
Tumor Board - Tuesday, 12:00 noon
Breast Tumor Board - Thursday, 7 a.m.
MSTI Pediatric Tumor Board - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 12 noon
CHEERS (Children's Hospital Education Enrichment Review) - 1st Thursday, 8 am
Anderson Center - Ada -2; MATCH 2nd Thursday, 8 am

Saint Alphonsus RMC - Nampa

Tumor Board- Tuesday, 12 noon

West Valley Medical Center

Tumor Board - Monday, 12:30 pm

Saint Alphonsus RMC - Boise

Tumor Board - Thursday, 12 noon
Breast Care Panel, Tuesday, 7:00 am

ACMS Society News

MEMBERSHIP:

No new physicians this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday May 24, 2012 ACMS Foundation Wine Tasting Event, Crane Creek Country Club, Poolside

Thursday June 7, 2012 ACMS High School Sports Physicals, SU Caven-Williams Sports Complex

On The Lighter Side

What's Ahead

June 2012

1 Topic TBA, Speaker TBA
6 Epilepsy Therapeutics Update, Robert Wechsler, MD
8 Periodontal Disease for Primary Care Physicians, Amy Drumm, MD
13 Topic TBA, Sarah Gerrish, MD
15 3-T Neuro Imaging, Neil Davey, MD

20 St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Grand Rounds, Fever in the Returned Traveler, Ingrid Lundgren, MD
22 Topic TBA, Erin Swenson, MD
27 Prescription Monitoring, Fred Collings, Chief Investigator, Board of Pharmacy/Idaho
29 Topic TBA, Speaker TBA

July 2012

SUMMER SCHEDULE
NO CONFERENCES

(Wednesday, 8:00am/St. Luke's RMC; Wednesday, 12:15pm/Mercy Medical Center; Friday, 8:00am/Saint Alphonsus RMC)

Mohr's Musings...

Has Medicine Become Too Specialized?

Experts in medical education have debated the proper mix of specialties in the United States; given the escalating costs and the need to cover millions under the new healthcare law. Almost everyone agrees that more primary care physicians will be needed in the coming decade but given the cost of medical education, the challenge of keeping abreast of new knowledge and technology, the reimbursement differential and lifestyle choices often make subspecialty training more attractive.

The American Board of Medical Specialties oversees 24 separate specialty boards; certification is provided in 158 specialties and subspecialties. In some cases subspecialty certification may be obtained through multiple boards. When I trained in the 1960's there were only 18 specialty boards and virtually no subspecialties.

Specialization often leads to fragmentation of care when numerous physicians treat the same patient. Elderly patients especially often have multiple chronic medical conditions and each specialist naturally focuses on their area of expertise and may pay little attention to other areas. Specialty certification is often driven by technologic advances although economic considerations often play a part in the equation. These certifications may create barriers for other physicians who could perhaps offer the same care but are unable to get such privileges without the necessary certification. In general specialty organizations or professional bodies have been in charge of determining various specialties and the number of residency positions available in each. This could change as the government becomes a larger player in healthcare.

We all want the best medical care for ourselves and our families but it's becoming increasingly clear that in order to practice "parsimonious care" as outlined in the American College of Physicians Ethical Guidelines we need to re-think the growing trend towards specialization in medicine.

John J. Mohr, M.D.

Weekly Conferences

May 2012 Conferences

Anderson Center, St. Luke's RMC, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

2 Eating Disorders: Athletes and Compulsive Exercisers, Nancy Clark, MS, RD
9 Blood Utilization, Timothy Hannon, MD
16 St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Grand Rounds, Pediatric Case Presentation, Susan Kim MD
23 Sleep Apnea, Matthew Messerschmidt, MD
30 Acromegaly and Cushing's Disease, Maria Fleseriu, MD

Winter Room, Saint Alphonsus RMC - Nampa, Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

- 2 Eating Disorders: Athletes and Compulsive Exercisers, Nancy Clark, MS, RD
- 9 The Pharmacology of Sleep(Video), Janat O'Donnell, MD
- 16 Pediatric Case Presentation, Susan Kim MD
- 23 Newborn Hearing Screening, Jessica Stich-Hennen, AuD
- 30 Acromegaly and Cushing's Disease, Maria Fleseriu, MD

AW Horsley, VA Medical Center, Thursday 8:00 a.m.

- 3 TBA
- 10 TBA
- 17 TBA
- 24 TBA
- 31 TBA

McCleary Auditorium, Saint Alphonsus RMC, Friday 8:00 a.m.

- 4 The Pharmacology of Sleep, Janat O'Donnell, MD
- 11 Topic TBA, Andrew Ellsworth, MD
- 18 Communicating Effectively with Patients: Applying Nutrition Message, Doris Derelian, PhD, JD, RD
- 25 Critical Care Case Presentation, Speaker TBA

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