Accredited CME Delivers

Accredited continuing medical education (CME) plays an invaluable role helping physicians and healthcare professionals improve patient care.

The evidence is in. Accredited CME:

- **Improves patient safety.** CME has been shown to be one of the most effective methods for improving physician performance.¹

- **Controls spending.** Unnecessary medical procedures, prescriptions, and hospital readmissions are averted.²,³

- ** Increases physician recruitment and retention.** CME has been linked to a decrease in physician burnout and turnover.⁴,⁵,⁶

- **Protects physician learners.** Commercial influence in medical education puts learners at increased risk.⁷ Accreditation protects the integrity and independence of medical education, ensuring it is accurate and based on best practices.⁸,⁹

- **Uses teams to improve care.** Interprofessional teams are empowered to work more effectively together to achieve their organization’s quality improvement and strategic goals.¹⁰

- **Expands preventative care.** Accredited CME has a proven track record of life-saving interventions. It has been linked to increases in stroke identification, timeliness of care, cancer screenings, pediatric immunizations, and more.¹¹,¹²

*For physicians*, accredited CME can improve performance by focusing on the unique needs of individual learners.

*For organizations*, it can be a catalyst for change, providing practical solutions to many of their most pressing problems.

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For organizations looking to innovate, investing in accredited CME can provide a remarkably cost-effective solution. CME professionals know how to improve performance, eliminate waste, and inspire and reward valued employees. CME is designed to plan, assess, and create change.13

Engagement and participation in CME is at record levels, with roughly 230,000 accredited educational activities and over 21 million physician interactions reported in 2022.14

*Organizations that invest in accredited CME can expect a meaningful return on their investment—it makes change possible for physicians, teams, and our larger healthcare system.*

References


3. Decreases in patient readmissions were reported by ACCME-accredited providers who achieved Accreditation with Commendation in July 2021-March 2022.


9. Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. “Standard 1: Ensure Content is Valid.” *Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education.*


11. ACCME-accredited providers who achieved Accreditation with Commendation in July 2021-March 2022 reported success in increasing cancer screenings, pediatric immunizations, vaccinations, stroke identification and more. They also reported decreased mortality rates through smoking interventions and alternatives to opioid prescriptions.

12. The Texas Medical Association accredited provider Gulf Coast AHEC reported using targeted accredited CME to reduce the occurrence of patient sepsis cases in their state.
