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PERFORMANCE-IN-PRACTICE STRUCTURED ABSTRACT FOR INITIAL ACCREDITATION

For reference by organizations receiving initial accreditation decisions

in March, July, and November 2026

This document includes the questions that organizations will be asked to respond to in completing the Performance-in-Practice Structured Abstract for each of the activities selected for performance-in-practice review. **It is provided for informational purposes only. The ACCME reserves the right to modify questions for clarity and completeness at any time.**

In the Performance-in-Practice Structured Abstract, you will provide the information requested in concise narrative explanations and statements, in tables provided, and with uploaded documents (maximum size of 25MB per document) to verify that your CME activities and program meet the ACCME’s requirements. We encourage you to be succinct, answer the questions directly, and avoid extraneous information. Provide uploads only where requested. Miscellaneous documents that are not requested will not be reviewed.

(Note: If Regularly Scheduled Series (RSS) are selected, submit evidence for the series, not just for a single session or a sampling of sessions. The series is the activity. Therefore, you will demonstrate compliance for the RSS in the same manner as for a large annual meeting with multiple sessions.)

**ACCME and CMA-accredited providers:**

# CME ACTIVITY INFORMATION

All information and materials must be submitted in the ACCME’s Program and Activity Reporting System (PARS), [**https://parsa.accme.org/**](https://parsa.accme.org/). This document has been created to assist you in navigating the online Performance-in-Practice Structured Abstract in PARS.

**Provider ID: (Pre-Published via PARS) Provider Name: (Pre-Published via PARS)**

**ACCME Activity ID: (Pre-Published via PARS) Activity Title: (Pre-Published via PARS)**

**Activity Date: (Pre-Published via PARS) Activity Format: (Pre-Published via PARS)**

**Providership: (Pre-Published via PARS) Commercial Support: (Pre-Published via PARS)**

# EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND EVALUATION

## [EDUCATIONAL NEEDS](https://www.accme.org/accreditation-rules/accreditation-criteria/educational-needs)

**State the professional practice gap(s) of your learners on which the activity was based.**

Enter Response Here

**Check the educational need(s) that apply to this activity:**

**Knowledge**

**Competence**

**Performance**

**State the educational need(s) that you determined to be the cause of the professional practice gap(s).**

Enter Response Here

## [DESIGNED TO CHANGE](https://www.accme.org/accreditation-rules/accreditation-criteria/designed-change)

**Explain what competence, performance, or patient outcome this activity was designed to change.**

Enter Response Here

## [APPROPRIATE FORMATS](https://www.accme.org/accreditation-rules/accreditation-criteria/appropriate-formats)

**In addition to identifying the educational format(s) that you have chosen, explain why these formats are appropriate for the setting, objectives, and desired results of this activity.**

Enter Response Here

## [COMPETENCIES](https://www.accme.org/accreditation-rules/accreditation-criteria/competencies)

**Select the desirable physician attribute(s) this activity addresses.** *The list below includes the Competencies of: ACGME/ABMS, Institute of Medicine, and Interprofessional Education Collaborative, or you may enter other competencies recognized by your organization.*

**Select all that apply:**

**Patient Care and Procedural Skills**

**Medical Knowledge**

**Quality Improvement**

**Practice-Based Learning and Improvement**

**Interpersonal and Communication Skills**

**Professionalism**

**Systems-Based Practice**

**Provide Patient-Centered Care**

**Work in Interdisciplinary Teams**

**Employ Evidence-Based Practice**

**Utilize Informatics**

**Values/Ethics for Interprofessional Practice**

**Roles/Responsibilities**

**Interprofessional Communication**

**Teams and Teamwork**

**Other: Please list other competencies, if applicable:** Enter Response Here

## [ANALYZES CHANGE](https://www.accme.org/accreditation-rules/accreditation-criteria/analyzes-change)

**Describe the strategies you used to obtain data or information about changes achieved in learners’ competence or performance or patient outcomes as a result of their participation in this activity. Please include, for example, the questions you asked the learner about changes in competence or performance or other change data such as quality improvement or patient outcomes. \***

Enter Response Here

**AND**

**Upload the compiled or summative data or information generated from this activity, specifically about changes achieved in learners' competence or performance or patient outcomes.**

***\*If available, also provide a template of the evaluation tool or method used to obtain this information.***

# STANDARDS FOR INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCREDITED CONTINUING EDUCATION

## [STANDARD 1: ENSURE CONTENT IS VALID](https://www.accme.org/accreditation-rules/standards-for-integrity-independence-accredited-ce/standard-1-ensure-content-valid)

**We attest that this activity meets the expectations of Standard 1.**

Yes, we attest that this activity meets the expectations of Standard 1.

**Upload the required documentation as described below based on the type of activity.**

**If the activity is a Journal CME/CE or Enduring Material (online or print) CME activity:** Upload instructions to access the CME product itself, so reviewers may experience the activity as your learners experience it. Provide a URL or direct link and generic username(s) (e.g., ACCMEUSER1, ACCMEUSER2, ACCMEUSER3) and password(s), as necessary, allowing access to the activity for multiple users from the point of submission for the duration of the review period until the decision. Access should not require the use of the personal or professional email accounts of ACCME volunteers or staff. If activities are no longer available online, you may provide access to an archived website. If this is not an option, then screenshots are acceptable.

**OR**

**If the activity is a Regularly Scheduled Series (RSS):** Upload a listing of the dates, faculty, location, and topics of each session.

**OR**

**If the activity is Live, a Manuscript Review, Test-Item Writing, Committee Learning, Performance/Quality Improvement, Internet Searching and Learning, Learning from Teaching or Other/Blended Learning activity:** Upload the activity topics/content to include the nature and scope of the CME content (e.g., content outline, agenda, brochure, program book, or announcement).

**OR**

**If the activity is spontaneous learning or self-directed and/or the content is controlled by the learner:** Upload the framework or instructions provided to the learner.

## [STANDARD 2: PREVENT COMMERCIAL BIAS AND MARKETING IN ACCREDITED CONTINUING EDUCATION](https://www.accme.org/accreditation-rules/standards-for-integrity-independence-accredited-ce/standard-2-prevent-commercial-bias-and-marketing-accredited-continuing)

**We attest that this activity meets the expectations of all three elements of Standard 2.**

Yes, we attest that this activity meets the expectations of all three elements of Standard 2.

## [STANDARD 3: IDENTIFY, MITIGATE, AND DISCLOSE RELEVENT FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS](https://www.accme.org/accreditation-rules/standards-for-integrity-independence-accredited-ce/standard-3-identify-mitigate-and-disclose-relevant-financial-relationships)

**Did this activity meet one of the exceptions to the identification, mitigation and disclosure of relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies listed below?**

1. Accredited education that is non-clinical, such as leadership or communication skills training.
2. Accredited education where the learner group is in control of content, such as a spontaneous case conversation among peers.
3. Accredited self-directed education where the learner controls their educational goals and reports on changes that resulted, such as learning from teaching, remediation, or a personal development plan. When accredited providers serve as a source of information for the self-directed learner, they should direct learners only to resources and methods for learning that are not controlled by ineligible companies.

*Choose an item.*

**If yes, describe how the activity met the exception.**

Enter Response Here

**(3.2) Did owner(s)/employee(s) of ineligible companies participate as planners or faculty in this activity?**

***INDICATE “NOT APPLICABLE” IF THIS ACTIVITY MEETS ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS LISTED ABOVE.***

*Choose an item.*

**If yes, for each owner/employee that participated in this activity, provide information to demonstrate the individual’s involvement meets one of the exceptional circumstances listed in Standard 3.2.**

Employees/owners of ineligible companies can participate as planners or faculty in these specific circumstances ONLY:

1. When the content of the activity is not related to the business lines or products of their employer/company.
2. When the content of the accredited activity is limited to basic science research, such as pre-clinical research and drug discovery, or the methodologies of research, and they do not make care recommendations.
3. When they are participating as technicians to teach the safe and proper use of medical devices, and do not recommend whether or when a device is used.

Enter Response Here

**Did an ineligible company take the role of non-accredited partner in a joint provider relationship in this activity?**

*Choose an item.*

**(3.1) Upload a single example of the form used to collect financial relationships with ineligible companies that has been filled out by an individual in control of content for the activity.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

* *The upload(s) should include the instructions provided to the individuals filling out the form. The communication must include the definition of an ineligible company, require all financial relationships and the timeframe for reporting.*
* *If you used more than one mechanism, upload a single example of each version used. Do not submit more than a single example of each version used. In each case, the example provided must be one that was actually completed by a person in control of content for this activity.*
* *UPLOAD A DOCUMENT STATING “NOT APPLICABLE” IF THIS ACTIVITY MEETS ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS LISTED ABOVE*.

**(3.4) Download and complete the spreadsheet linked** [**here**](https://accme.org/publications/excel-spreadsheet-for-documenting-individuals-control-content-performance-practice)**.**

**Then, upload the spreadsheet as an EXCEL file in the field below. In the spreadsheet, provide the information indicated in each of the five columns as follows. For everyone in control of content, list in the appropriate column:**

1. the name of the individual,
2. the individual’s role(s) (e.g., planner, reviewer, faculty, author, and/or other roles in control of educational content) in the activity,
3. the name of the ACCME-defined ineligible company(ies) with which the individual has a relevant financial relationship (or if the individual has no relevant financial relationship(s),
4. the nature of the relationship(s), and
5. the mechanism(s) implemented to mitigate all relevant financial relationships appropriate to the role(s) of the individuals in the activity.

**PLEASE NOTE**:

* *If the individual has no relevant financial relationships, indicate "None" in column C.*
* *EXCEL spreadsheets formatted differently than the ACCME’s template, or with other information than the ACCME’s template, will not be accepted. PDF and Word files, for example, will not be accepted.*
* *UPLOAD A DOCUMENT STATING “NOT APPLICABLE” IF THIS ACTIVITY MEETS ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS LISTED ABOVE.*

**(3.5) Upload the information, as disclosed to learners, about the presence or absence of relevant financial relationships for all individuals in control of CME content.**

**AND**

**Upload the statement, as disclosed to learners, that all relevant financial relationships were mitigated, if applicable.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*UPLOAD A DOCUMENT STATING “NOT APPLICABLE” IF THIS ACTIVITY MEETS ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS LISTED ABOVE.*

## [STANDARD 4: MANAGE COMMERCIAL SUPPORT APPROPRIATELY](https://www.accme.org/accreditation-rules/standards-for-integrity-independence-accredited-ce/standard-4-manage-commercial-support-appropriately)

**Did your organization correctly enter in PARS whether or not this activity received commercial support?**

Choose an item.

**If no, provide a brief explanation of the circumstances.**

Enter Response Here

**Did this activity receive commercial support\*?**

**\*Commercial support is defined in Standard 4 as financial or in-kind support from ineligible companies in direct support of accredited education.**

**PLEASE NOTE: This does not include fees for advertising and exhibits.**

Choose an item.

**If yes, complete the table below. List the name(s) of the commercial supporter(s) of this activity and the dollar value of any monetary commercial support and/or indicate non-monetary (in-kind) support.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Name of Commercial Supporter** | **Type of Support** | **Amount of Monetary Support (in US dollars), if any**  **(Not applicable for in-kind support)** |
| Enter Response Here | Monetary  Non-Monetary (In-Kind) | $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**If this activity was commercially supported, upload each executed commercial support (monetary and non-monetary) agreement for the activity.**

**If this activity was commercially supported, upload the evidence that demonstrates the disclosure of commercial support (monetary and non-monetary), as presented to learners.**

## [STANDARD 5: MANAGE ANCILLIARY ACTIVITIES OFFERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ACCREDITED CONTINUING EDUCATION](https://accme.org/rule/manage-ancillary-activities-offered-in-conjunction-with-accredited-continuing-education/)

## Did this activity include any of the following:

## - Opportunities for ineligible companies to market or exhibit to learners

**-** **Nonaccredited education developed by or with influence from an ineligible company or with planners or faculty with unmitigated financial relationships**

Choose an item.

**If yes, describe what you did to ensure that the accredited education was separate from marketing by ineligible companies—including advertising, sales, exhibits, and promotion—and from nonaccredited education offered in conjunction with this activity.**

Enter Response Here

**If yes…**

**Upload materials associated with the activity in which advertising or marketing for or on behalf of ineligible companies was permitted.**

**OR**

**Upload evidence to demonstrate that the accredited education was separated in space and/or time from nonaccredited ancillary activities, e.g., nonaccredited education, exhibits, etc.**