

OFFICE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The Office of Continuing Medical Education completed the 2011 reaccreditation application and review process. Reaccreditation with Commendations was sought missing the goal by only three of 22 criteria. The OCME was granted full reaccreditation for a four year term with no progress reports required. In 2010-2011 the OCME coordinated CME activities provided by the clinical departments and outside agencies to physicians with 604 regularly scheduled series (Grand Rounds) for 632.75 CME credit hours and 14 unique activities accounting for 80.75 CME credit hours. In total 6,094 physician credit hours were awarded and 3,331 non-physician credit hours were awarded. Additionally, two joint sponsorship programs with outside agencies were supported by the Office of CME. The first was jointly sponsored with Mercy Medical in Baldwin County and addressed a new PACE program through Alabama Medicaid and Mercy Medical. The second activity, jointly sponsored with APHCA, was held in Montgomery, Alabama in the spring of 2011. The office is currently revising the CME website as well as its online enduring materials.

Significant CME Achievements:

- Reaccreditation
- Additional Joint-Sponsorship activities
- Coordination with Office of GME
- Introduction of Point-Of-Care CME
- Created online sign-in-sheets
- Created online evaluation
- Implemented program of "claiming" CME credits upon completion of activity
- Created printable CME certificates upon completion of activity evaluation

CME Plans for 2011-2012:

1. Continue to work with Quality Management and Performance Improvement in addressing issues with core outcomes.
2. Increase number of online CME activities.
3. Implement Performance Improvement CME.
4. Collaborate with local agencies in addressing medical concerns of this area.
5. Develop a "research" aspect to the development and utilization of CME.
6. Develop criteria for effective use of audience response system.
7. Participate with hospitals in Round Table Discussions with physicians and staff.
8. Move toward all online disclosure submission.
9. Host CME Educational Forum for local CME / CEU providers.
10. Work jointly with Department of Nursing identifying common deficiencies.