Ascension/St. Vincent Hospital and Health Care Center, Inc

CME Program Mission Statement

St. Vincent Hospital Continuing Medical Education (CME) program strives to provide high-quality continuing medical education opportunities for physicians that ultimately support the organization's six Core Values of Creativity, Integrity, Wisdom, Dedication, Reverence and Service to the Poor.

Purpose: **The purpose of St. Vincent Hospital's Continuing Medical Education program is to promote improvement in patient care in diverse populations, including the under served and vulnerable within the community, by providing evidence-based educational activities to the healthcare providers we educate. The activities are designed to update physicians on new diagnoses and treatment modalities, improve clinical skills, improve physicians' compliance with quality management issues, and promote cost effective, high-quality and safe patient care. St. Vincent Hospital will plan, develop, and present CME activities based on the needs identified by individual departments and hospital quality assurance studies.**

Content Areas: **CME activities will reflect the diverse specialties represented within the St. Vincent Hospital system. The goal is to design activities that will target professional practice gaps (PPG) of our physician learners. Content areas addressed may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:**

- **Compliance with regulatory core measures**
- **Updates in clinical medicine and basic research**
- **Best practice recommendations for medical care**
- **Patient and caregiver safety and quality process initiatives**
- **Procedural practices and updates**
- **New technological advances**
- **Research and regulatory affairs**
- **Professional development including bioethics, leadership and communication skills**
- **Patient Experience**

We will also consider the ACGME core competencies of: patient centered care and procedural skills, medical knowledge, practice based learning and improvement, system based practice, professionalism and Interprofessional and communication skills.

T*arget Audience:* **CME programs will be designed primarily for medical staff physicians and care providers. Some activities may include nurses and other supporting professional staff. We are exploring opportunities and resources that would allow distance learning activities to be made available online, to meet the needs of St. Vincent Health Medical Staff and the St. Vincent Medical Group medical staff and other healthcare providers who reside in rural areas.**

Types of activities provided: **The CME program will consist of live courses, live regularly scheduled series, case presentations, interactive small group, general and specialty monthly lecture series, quarterly seminars, larger multi-day conferences, simulations, workshops, and other approaches as deemed appropriate.**

Expected Results: **The CME program will design activities to effect change in physician competence, performance or patient outcomes. It is expected that participating physicians will report greater confidence in their approach to clinical problems or describe how they will change their behavior and apply newly acquired strategies into their practice (competence). Additionally, it is expected that physicians will demonstrate or report how they have implemented changes in their practice (performance). Planned methods of measurement include customized evaluation tools (related to the objectives and identified need of the specific activity) completed at the conclusion or within identified timeframes of activities. The CME Office will continue to identify opportunities to measure patient outcomes as it relates to content delivered during CME activities.**

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