## 2025 RSS Lunch & Learn

October 8, 2025



#### Introduction of CME Staff

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Director of CME

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#### **Definition of CME**

#### **Activities which**

- Maintain, develop, or increase
  - Knowledge
  - Skills
  - Professional performance
  - Relationships
- Physicians use to provide services to
  - Patients
  - The public
  - The profession

CME Activities must be designed to contribute to improving physician practice.



## What is a Regularly Scheduled Series?

A regularly scheduled series (RSS) is a course planned as a series with multiple, ongoing sessions, e.g., offered weekly, monthly, or quarterly; and is primarily planned by and presented to the accredited organization's professional staff. Examples include grand rounds, tumor boards, and morbidity and mortality conferences.





Released December 2020

The Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education have been drafted to be applicable to accredited continuing education across the health professions. The Standards are designed to:

- Ensure that accredited continuing education serves the needs of patients and the public.
- Present learners with only accurate, balanced, scientifically justified recommendations.
- Assure healthcare professionals and teams that they can trust accredited continuing education to help them deliver safe, effective, cost-effective, compassionate care that is based on best practice and evidence.
- Create a clear, unbridgeable separation between accredited continuing education and marketing and sales.



Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)



American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)



Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)



American Osteopathic Association



American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)



Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry's Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (ARBO/COPE)



American Academy of PAs (AAPA)



Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™



#### Eligibility

The ACCME is committed to ensuring that accredited continuing education (1) presents learners with only accurate, balanced, scientifically justified recommendations, and (2) protects learners from promotion, marketing, and commercial bias. To that end, the ACCME has established the following guidance on the types of organizations that may be eligible to be accredited in the ACCME System. The ACCME, in its sole discretion, determines which organizations are awarded ACCME accreditation.

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- Health profession membership organizations

- · Hospitals or healthcare delivery systems
- Infusion centers
- Insurance or managed care companies
- Nursing homes
- Pharmacies that do not manufacture proprietary compounds
- · Publishing or education companies
- Rehabilitation centers
- Schools of medicine or health science universities
- Software or game developers

## **Ineligible Companies**

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- Device manufacturers or distributors

- Diagnostic labs that sell proprietary products
- Growers, distributors, manufacturers or sellers of medical foods and dietary supplements
- Manufacturers of health-related wearable products
- · Pharmaceutical companies or distributors
- · Pharmacy benefit managers
- Reagent manufacturers or sellers

#### Owners and Employees of Ineligible Companies

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A copy of the standards are included in your handouts and online

Standard 1: Ensure Content is Valid

**Standard 2:** Prevent Commercial Bias and Marketing in Accredited Continuing Education

Standard 3: Identify, Mitigate, and Disclose Relevant Financial Relationships

Standard 4: Manage Commercial Support Appropriately (Educational Grants)

**Standard 5:** Manage Ancillary Activities Offered in Conjunction with Accredited Continuing Education (Exhibitors)

## Standard 3:

\*\*RSS Coordinators are responsible for collecting disclosures for their activities. \*\*

Disclosure should be completed at least one week prior.

Standard 3: Identify, Mitigate, and Disclose **Relevant Financial Relationships** 

Standard 3 applies to all accredited continuing education.

#### Disclosure Submitted



Retention Policy MUSC - Inbox (6 months)

(i) Follow up. Completed on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. You forwarded this message on 9/12/2023 12:41 PM.

Expires 3/10/2024



Tue 9/12/2023 8:00 AM

CAUTION: External

A disclosure, with a conflict, has been submitted by: Andrew Hardie, PeopleID: HARD8539, Email: hardie@musc.edu

## **Standard 3:**

The CME Office is responsible for determining if the speaker's relationship(s) is relevant and for mitigating this relationship.

**Pre-Activity Planning** 

### **Pre-Activity Planning:**

- 1. Verify that speaker and planners complete online disclosure at least one week prior to the start of the activity.
- 2. Review disclosure and complete roster cover sheet
- 3. Was an educational grant received to support this activity? If yes, a LOA is required and the LOA has to go through the Symplr system for approval and signature. A fully executed agreement is required prior to the start of the activity. The Office of CME needs a copy of the fully executed agreement.
- 4. Send out flyer/email about upcoming activity. Include the accreditation statement, disclosure & disclosure statement, and designation statement. Copy your CME Coordinator on this email. The format of the flyer&/or email will need to be pre-approved by the CME Office.

#### Department of Medicine

## GRAND ROUNDS



When: Thursday, September 21 at 8:00 am

In-person Location: Storm Eye Auditorium HA809 (Preferred)

Join virtually: www.musc.edu/qr/dom2024

"Beyond LDL: Assessing and Treating Residual ASCVD Risk"

Presenter:

Marc-André Cornier, MD
Professor of Medicine
James A. Keating Endowed Chair in Diabetes
Director, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolic Diseases
Medical University of South Carolina

#### Objectives:

- 1. Define residual ASCVD risk and its potential mechanisms.
- 2. Discuss the role of LDL-cholesterol lowering for reducing residual ASCVD risk.
- 3. Be aware of other treatment targets such as triglyceride-rich lipoproteins and lipoprotein(a).

Dr. Cornier has identified the following financial relationships with ineligible companies.

Research with Novartis/Kaneka/Amgen/Ionis

Consultant/Advisor with Novo Nordisk/Regeneron/Alnylum

#### **Continuing Medical Education:**

The Medical University of South Carolina is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Medical University of South Carolina designates this live activity for a maximum of one (1) AMA PRA Category 1 Credits(s) $^{\text{M}}$ . Physicians should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

In accordance with the ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education anyone involved in planning or presenting this educational activity will be required to disclose any financial relationships with any ineligible companies. This information is listed below. Any financial relationships with these ineligible companies have been mitigated by the MUSC Office of CME. Speakers who incorporate information about off-label or investigational use of drugs or devices will be asked to disclose that information at the beginning of their presentation.

## **Activity Day**

- 1. Prior to the start of the activity, launch introduction powerpoint &/or have printed flyer posted with the following information:
  - A. Date of Activity
  - B. Title of Presentation
  - C. Speaker's Name
  - D. Objectives
  - E. Accreditation statement
  - F. Designation statement
  - G. Disclosure statement
  - H. Disclosure information
  - I. If commercial support was received

This can be done on a flyer or on a powerpoint slide.

2. Towards the end of the activity, provide the activity code so individuals can register their own attendance.

\*\*NOTE: The activity code is only valid for 7 days\*\*



Department of Medicine Grand Rounds

Title of Presentation					
Date					
Speaker's name					
Meeting location					
At the end of the presentation, participants should be better able to: (List Objectives Here)					
The Medical University of South Carolina designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.					
The Medical University of South Carolina is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.					
In accordance with the ACCME Essentials & Standards, anyone involved in planning or presenting this educational activity will be required to disclose any financial relationships with any ineligible companies. This information is listed below. Any financial relationships with these ineligible companies have been mitigated by the MUSC Office of CME. Speakers who incorporate information about off label or investigational use of drugs or devices will be asked to disclose that information at the beginning of their presentation.					
The presenter listed above:					
Ooes not have any financial relationships with any ineligible companies					
Has disclosed the following financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies					
Research Grants with Speakers Bureau with					
Stock/Bonds with Ownership with					
Advisory Board with Consultant with					
Employment / Partnership with Other					
The Moderator, Activity Planning Committee, and the MUSC Office of CME have no financial relationships with ineligible companies.  Was this activity supported by an educational grant, or received in-kind support?					
No Yes If yes, Name of Company:					
MUSC Office of CME • 96 Jonathan Lucas Street HE221A MSC 754 • Charleston, SC 29425 • 843-876-1925 (phone) • 843-876-1931 (fax)					



#### Name of Conference Roster of Attendance

Topic: <u>Case Presentations</u>	Session Date	
Activity Director:	Enrollment Coordinator:	
	inary, case-based assessments, participants will reference lice, and oncology research to identify & implement the bes	

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#### The following information has been disclosed for 2024:

Unless noted below, the faculty, staff, moderators, and planning committee have no financial relationships with any ineligible company.

The Medical University of South Carolina Office of CME has no relevant financial or other relationships with ANY commercial interest

<u>Faculty, Staff & Planning Committee with relevant relationships:</u>
None

#### GUEST SIGN-IN

Name (Please Print)	Credentials	Initials	Email Address	CME/CEU Credit
				Do you require CME/CEU Credit 🗆 Yes 🗆 No
				Do you require CME/CEU Credit a Yes a No
				Do you require CME/CEU Credit 🗆 Yes 🗆 No
				Do you require CME/CEU Credit   Yes   No
				Do you require CME/CEU Credit 🗆 Yes 🗆 No

#### What is the Accreditation Statement?

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## What is the Designation Statement?

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Please note: Per the AMA, the AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™ has to be in italics.

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## **Post Activity**

Send a printed copy of the printed roster and checklist to the CME Office within 3 business days of the activity.

Name of Activity Date of Activity **Grand Round Coordinator Checklist** Verify that speaker and planners complete online disclosure at least one week prior to Planning the start of the activity. Review disclosure and complete roster cover sheet Was an educational grant received to support this activity? If yes, a LOA is required and the LOA has to go through the Symplr system for approval and signature. A fully Activity executed agreement is required prior to the start of the activity. The Office of CME needs a copy of the fully executed agreement. Send out flyer/email about upcoming activity. Include the accreditation statement, disclosure & disclosure statement, and designation statement. Copy your CME Coordinator on this email. Prior to the start of the activity, launch intro powerpoint &/or have printed flyer posted with the following information: Date of Activity ■Title of Presentation Activity Day ■Speaker's Name Objectives Accreditation statement Designation statement ☐ Disclosure statement ■ Disclosure information ■If commercial support was received Towards the end of the activity, provide the activity code so individuals can register their own attendance. Send a print copy of the roster cover sheet and checklist to the CME Office within 3 Post Activity business days of the activity. Completed by:

Name of Activity Date of Activity Tumor Board, M&M, Case Conference Coordinator Checklist Verify that Activity Director, Activity Coordinator, and all planning committee members have completed the online disclosure form. Planning Complete roster cover sheet Was an educational grant received to support this activity? If yes, a LOA is required and the LOA has to go through the Symplr system for approval and signature. A fully Pre-Activity executed agreement is required prior to the start of the activity. The Office of CME needs a copy of the fully executed agreement. Send out flyer/email about upcoming activity. Include the accreditation statement, disclosure & disclosure statement, and designation statement. Copy your CME Coordinator on this email. Prior to the start of the activity, launch intro powerpoint &/or have printed flyer posted with the following information: Date of Activity Name of the Activity Objectives Accreditation statement Designation statement Disclosure statement Disclosure information of activity director, activity coordinator, planning committee members If commercial support was received Towards the end of the activity, provide the activity code so individuals can register their own attendance. Send a print copy of the roster cover sheet and checklist to the CME Office within 3 Activity business days of the activity. Post Completed by:

#### **CME Profile and Credits**

#### **Creating a CME Credit Profile:**

\*Go to <a href="https://cmetracker.net/MUSC/Publisher?page=pubOpen#/myPortal">https://cmetracker.net/MUSC/Publisher?page=pubOpen#/myPortal</a> and click on the blue "sign in" box

\*Select the "MUSC NetID login OR NON MUSC"

\*Follow the prompts to create an account using your email address

#### **Checking CME Credits:**

\*You can check your CMEs anytime by logging into your CME profile at the following link: <a href="https://cmetracker.net/MUSC/Publisher?page=pubOpen#/myPortal">https://cmetracker.net/MUSC/Publisher?page=pubOpen#/myPortal</a> and click on the blue "sign in" box

\*We do not send certificates for each individual activity. You can request 1 free official credit letter and summary per year by going to the following link:

https://medicine.musc.edu/education/cme/report



### Resources

\*A RSS resource page has been set up on the CME web page. The QR Code is in your packet.

Home > ... > CME > Current Activities > Regularly Scheduled Series

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#### Current Activities Regularly Scheduled Series Live Conferences Resources Online Instructions on how to self record attendance Regularly Scheduled Series Instructions on how to complete online disclosure form Virtual Exhibit Hall Disclosure Spreadsheet link\* Handouts ACCME's Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Education Coordinator Checklist for Grand Rounds RSS Contacts: Coordinator Checklist for Tumor Board, M&M, Case RSS held on MUSC Charleston campus: Sample Grand Round Roster Cover Sheet Heidi Callahan Sample M&M, Tumor Board, and Case Conference Cover Sheet callahhe@musc.edu Sample Disclosure Email & ACCME/AMA Glossary of Terms and Definitions Stacy Fletcher fletchst@musc.edu Frequently Asked Questions RSS held at RHN's and affiliate How to create a CME profile and how to check CME credits locations: 2025 RSS Lunch & Learn Powerpoint Franny Russell

<sup>\*</sup>Save the link, not the spreadsheet.

### **CME 2026**

#### 2026 Fees\*

#### 2026 RSS Direct Fees

Frequency	Annual Fee for Manually Recording	Annual Fee for Self-Recording
Quarterly Activity	\$1,850.00	\$1,200.00
Every Other Month	\$1,900.00	\$1,250.00
Monthly Activity	\$1,950.00	\$1,300.00
2 X month Activity	\$2,000.00	\$1,350.00
Weekly Activity	\$2,100.00	\$1,400.00
Activity held more than once a week	\$2,200.00	\$1,450.00

#### 2026 RSS Affiliate Fees

Frequency	Annual Fee for Manually Recording	Annual Fee for Self-Recording
Every Other Month Activity	\$1,960.00	\$1,460.00
Monthly Activity	\$2,010.00	\$1,510.00
2 x month Activity	\$2,060.00	\$1,560.00
Weekly Activity	\$3,010.00	\$1,610.00

2026 RSS Renewal / Applications Coming Soon!

\*There is no fee increase for 2026



## Director of CME, Elizabeth Gossen

## Joint Accreditation



# What is Joint Accreditation or Interprofessional Continuing Education?

Interprofessional continuing education (IPCE) is when members from two or more professions learn with, from, and about each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes.

"CME for the TEAM by the TEAM"



- ₩ Dentists
- Athletic Trainers
- Dietitians
- **小** Nurses
- Optometrists



- Pharmacists
- Physicians
- Psychologists
- Social Workers



### Eligibility Requirements

- The structure and processes to plan and present education designed by and for the healthcare team are in place and fully functional for at least the past 18 months.
- At least 25% of all educational activities delivered by the organization during the past 18 months are categorized as "interprofessional" and can demonstrate an integrated planning process that includes health care professionals from two or more professions who are reflective of the target audience the activity is designed to address.

#### Timeline

October 2025 – Submitted out intent to apply for joint accreditation

November 2025 – We will find out if we are approved to move forward in the joint accreditation process.

January 2026 – Submit a list of educational activities

February 2026 – Files Selected for Self Study

July 2026 – Submit Self Study

September 2026 – Interview with Joint Accreditation Surveyors

December 2026 – Decision received on Joint Accreditation



What do you need to do?

- 1. Determine if your activity's target audience will include interprofessionals
- 2. If yes, include Interprofessionals on your planning committee
- 3. In addition, include Interprofessionals as speakers for your activity.



**Questions?** 

**Knowledge Test!** 



# For self recording of attendance, how long is the activity code valid?



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Can an owner or employee of an ineligible company present at a CME activity?

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After the activity, when do you send the CME Office the roster cover sheet and checklist?



Anyone completing a disclosure form has to disclose relationships that they have had for how many months?



# How often does a CME disclosure need to be completed?



Who is responsible for making sure the speaker has completed the disclosure form in a timely manner?

## **Activity Coordinator**



Who is responsible for determining if the relationships the speaker has disclosed are relevant?

## **CME Office**



For a tumor board, M&M, and case conference, the only people required to complete a disclosure form are the activity director, the activity coordinator, and the planning committee members?



A representative with an ineligible company offers to bring in a speaker for an upcoming grand round at their expense. Is this allowed?



A representative from an ineligible company ask to bring in breakfast or lunch for everyone at the grand rounds. Is this allowed?



Your speaker never completes his disclosure, but on the day of the activity he has a slide with his disclosure information. The information includes relationships with ineligible companies. Is this allowed?



Your department records your grand rounds and you allow people to watch the grand rounds at a later time and still receive credit. Is this allowed?

## Thank you!!!

