

## **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION INFORMATION**

## **MISSION**

The purpose of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) CME Program is to provide members with opportunities for life-long learning and assistance in fulfilling their maintenance of certification and licensure requirements, thereby promoting excellence in the provision of dermatologic care.

#### **DEFINITION OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

Continuing medical education consists of educational activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public, or the profession. The content of CME is that body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine, and the provision of health care to the public. Source: www.accme.org

## **COMMERCIAL BIAS**

Content or format in a CME activity or its related materials that promotes the products or business lines of an ineligible company. As described in the Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, providers are responsible for protecting learners from commercial bias and marketing. In addition to preventing influence from ineligible companies, the Standards prohibit faculty from actively promoting or selling products or services that serve their professional or financial interests. Source: www.accme.org

#### DIVERSITY CHAMPION WORKSHOP PLANNING WORKGROUP

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# STATEMENT OF NEED

The dermatology specialty ranks near the bottom of medical specialties in the ethnic diversity of practicing physicians which has a direct impact on access to high-quality dermatologic care and the health outcomes of minority populations. In 2017, a conference on Diversity in Dermatology was convened by then-President Dr. Henry W. Lim, resulting in a number of initiatives to address this issue, including increasing awareness of the dermatology specialty among under-represented minorities pre-med and med students; increasing the number of underrepresented minorities in residency programs and increasing awareness and support of a diverse physician workforce among members. One such initiative is the Diversity Champion Workshop, which has been in place at the University of Texas, SW for several years. This program engages faculty and community dermatologist to proactively reach out to underrepresented minority pre-med, medical, and even high school students and introduce them to a career in medicine and specifically to dermatology. The Diversity Champion Workshop will bring together those interested in championing dermatology to diverse student populations for training, sharing of best practices, and inspiration.

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience is dermatology resident program faculty members and/or chairs who are highly motivated to implement and drive diversity initiatives within their institution.

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

At the conclusion of this activity, learners should be able to:

- Increase awareness of lack of diversity in dermatology and the causes
- Drive awareness among academicians of the important role residency programs have in improving the diversity of the dermatology workforce
- Facilitate the establishment and ongoing development of diversity outreach programs in dermatology residency programs
- Increase knowledge of holistic review processes for dermatology residency applicants
- Expand cultural competence within all residency programs

## **DISCLOSURES**

## PLANNER DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP(S)

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#### **RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the ACCME Standards for Independence and Integrity in Accredited Continuing Education, the American Academy of Dermatology has implemented mechanisms, prior to the planning and implementation of this CME activity, to identify and mitigate conflicts of interest for all individuals in a position to control the content of this CME activity.

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## **INDEPENDENCE IN CME**

The mission of the Academy's continuing medical education program is to improve patient care and health care outcomes by maintaining, developing and enhancing medical knowledge, patient care, interpersonal and communication skills and professionalism. As a provider accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and in support of this mission, the Academy is dedicated to providing continuing medical education that is independent, fair, balanced, objective and free of commercial bias.

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needs assessment and evaluative data from past activities in order to develop programming. Potential participants are sent detailed guidelines that provide direction on necessary components to ensure independence in continuing medical education activities and to resolve conflict.

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Academy-sponsored educational activities are designed to promote improvements or quality in health care and not promote a specific proprietary business interest or a commercial interest. Presentations and related materials must be based on scientific methods generally accepted by the medical community.

Presentations should be evidence-based and discuss the validity of the evidence upon which they base the opinion(s) (see Sackett et al, BMJ 1996;312:71-2). This ensures the audience that the recommendations are supported by the evidence and contributes to management of any potential conflicts of interest. Further, if the presentation includes discussion of unlabeled or investigational use of a commercial product, this also must be disclosed to the participants. CME must give a balanced view of therapeutic options. Use of generic names will contribute to this impartiality.

If CME educational material or content includes trade names, trade names from several companies should be used where available, as opposed to using trade names from just a single company. Educational materials such as slides, abstracts, and handouts cannot contain any advertising or product-group messages.

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The online claim system is available for four weeks post meeting. Credit is calculated on a ¼-hour basis and will be reflected on member transcripts within four to six weeks after the meeting.