



## **The LSMS ERF Continuing Medical Education Program [CMEP] Educational Mission Statement**

The Louisiana State Medical Society Educational and Research Foundation has had a long standing commitment to continuing medical education. The responsibility for accomplishing the Foundation's mission with regard to continuing medical education has been assigned by the *Board of Directors* to its Continuing Medical Education Committee.

### ***CME Purpose***

1. To improve the health of Louisiana citizens by providing quality educational programs for physicians of the state.
2. To assist Louisiana physicians in keeping updated on recent innovations, developments and techniques in medicine.
3. To assist physicians in becoming familiar with the practice of medicine in Louisiana, new rules and regulations governing related to medicine, and resources available to physicians.
4. To provide physicians with an opportunity to receive quality CME locally with the Louisiana State Medical Society, component medical societies community hospitals,, and other state organizations.
5. The overall goal of the program is the improve physician knowledge, increase physician competency and enhance physician performance in practice.

### ***Target Audience***

LSMS ERF plans its educational activities to target LSMS physician members as well as non-members who are licensed to practice in Louisiana and its contiguous states. Although CME activities will be directed to educate physicians, other healthcare professionals such as nurses, nurse practitioners, residents, fellows, medical students, and medical administrators are also invited to participate.

### ***Content***

The content of activities will vary, potentially encompassing all medical specialties, encompassing the broad rang of physicians and incorporate the practice management topics ensuring a holistic approach to the continued professional development of healthcare providers

### ***Types of Activities***

The following types of activities may be provided:

1. Scientific/socioeconomic sessions as part of the Louisiana State Medical Society Annual House of Delegates meeting.
2. Annual series of regional CME offerings on timely topics
3. Journal-based CME
4. Annual leadership development conference
5. Special educational offerings for physicians and others when deemed appropriate and requested
6. Online enduring CME

### ***Expected Results***

The CME Program is designed to be able to determine if the needs of physicians are being met based on activity evaluations determining physician satisfaction with content and achievement of intended results. Follow-up evaluations will be used when appropriate to determine if any changes occurred in the physician's practice of medicine as a result of the knowledge gained at individual CME activities. For changes in physician competence, outcomes assessments will determine that knowledge was gained and/or competency increased, and that a strategy was present for using the knowledge gained. For improvements in performance-in-practice, outcomes assessments will show that physicians implemented new behaviors in their practice that were intended as results of the educational activity.

### ***Approval Process***

LEVEL: LSMS ERF Board of Directors

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