



SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

The South Carolina Medical Association (SCMA) is committed to enhancing the health and wellbeing of the citizens of South Carolina and the general public. As a component of this commitment, the SCMA is dedicated to providing Continuing Medical Education (CME) as a platform for physicians to refine and further their understanding, knowledge, education, competence, and performance relevant to their practice, with the ultimate goal being to support physicians in their endeavor of improving patient care and outcomes **(expected results)**

To sustain this commitment, the SCMA shall:

1. Provide high quality, valid CME disseminated via various platforms (live presentations, enduring material, recurring series, etc.) with needs determined by demonstratable educational and/or practice gaps as identified through CME activity evaluations, professional organizations, statewide institutions, state public health initiatives, and SCMA members and its leadership.
2. Maintain a standing and independent CME committee tasked to:
 - a. Ensure compliance with ACCME requirements and standards
 - b. Ensure compliance with the SCMA mission statement
 - c. Ensure CME program content is scientifically sound, valid, without commercial influence, and relevant to the participants' needs
 - d. Collect and analyze data from all SCMA CME sponsored activities to ensure the SCMA is fulfilling the educational needs of participants thus achieving our goal of supporting physicians as they endeavor to improve patient care and outcomes
 - e. Work in partnership with our Joint Sponsorship activities to ensure high quality, valid CME and to verify the organization/institution is in compliance with ACCME requirements and standards, and to have the authority to rescind CME credits if the committee finds the organization/institution did not meet ACCME requirements and/or is in non-compliance with administrative deadlines
3. Provide reliable and continuous leadership, administrative, and financial support for:
 - the CME Committee
 - all SCMA CME activities
 - maintenance of accreditation of the SCMA CME program
4. Provide Joint CME sponsorship opportunities to statewide institutions and organizations.