

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee

Committee Charge

The mission of the SCA Continuing Medical Education Committee is to lead and facilitate the independent development of unbiased, scientifically balanced, continuing medical educational activities.

The goals of the SCA Continuing Medical Education Committee are to provide physicians and healthcare professionals the highest quality, evidence-based education, to advance knowledge, competence and practice performance and to improve patient outcomes.

Monitor all educational activities provided by the SCA to ensure that all activities are compliant with ACCME accreditation criteria.

Report to and advise the SCA Board of Directors.

Strategize and initiate the creation of all educational programs, (including in-person, hybrid and online options), that meet the needs of cardiovascular and thoracic anesthesiologists and that adhere to the SCA's mission.

To provide educational activities to the international community through multiple avenues including a Sub-Committee dedicated to international education/relations.

2024-25 Benchmarks

(Action items for upcoming year)

1. Resume sending the program chairs of SCA Echo, SCA Thoracic Anesthesia Symposium, and SCA Annual to ACCME training as people rotate in and out of these chair positions
2. Explore building a non-CME INNOVATIONS track for the SCA Annual Meeting. This will allow colleagues who are involved with novel studies but who have industry connections to teach our members cutting-edge work.
3. Move meeting reviews for ACCME compliance to at least a two-month timeframe prior to each meeting. This will allow financial conflicts, such as company ownership or company employees, to be addressed in a timely fashion. Make a timeline that is suitable for review.
4. Speaker cannot accept a talk invitation without first declaring his/her financial disclosures. As part of the committee application process, no planning committee appointments will be confirmed until financial disclosures have been reviewed
5. Review draft of educational programs with a focus on CME regulations. Review final programs with focus on CME regulations.
6. Successfully file for renewal of ACCME status for SC.

2025-26 Committee Members

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