

2019 Annual Meeting CME Director Report

Hi, my name is Chad Gonzales, MD, and I am the CME Director of the Ogden Surgical-Medical Society.

To start, anyone who is involved with the planning or presentation of topics must sign a disclosure statement, and any presenters that have a conflict of interest must have their presentation reviewed by myself for conflict resolution or the speaker will be disqualified from speaking at this event. The ACCME considers financial relationships a conflict of interest in CME when individuals have a financial relationship with a commercial interest. The ACCME defines commercial interest as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients. They do not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be commercial interests, unless the provider of clinical service is owned, or controlled, by ACCME-defined commercial interest. If the commercial interest is not relevant to the speaker's presentation, it is not considered a conflict of interest.

The Ogden Surgical-Medical Society has successfully incorporated the educational needs of knowledge, competence, and performance into CME activities, as well as ACGME Competencies and, as of November 2016, the society received a re-accreditation for four more years from the Utah Medical Association. At the OSMS board of directors retreat in September of 2018, the physicians decided not to pursue commendation due to excessive costs and time that would be required by the board members as well as the executive director. They feel that the commendation status of accreditation requires more time, energy, and money than is necessary and that re-accreditation fulfills the same general goals. Our CME Conference was designed to meet the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education Competencies of Patient Care, Medical Knowledge, Practice-Based Learning and Improvement, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Professionalism, and System-Based Practice. In the OSMS planning meetings, these competencies are evaluated as needed elements when the physician president decides on the topics for his/her conference. The conference topics are in an excel paper form in the health provider's packets with the topics listed and all the competencies that are fulfilled marked next to the topic. This enables the health provider to choose the lectures based on his/her needs.

All lectures are designed to increase competence and performance as described in our mission statement. For monitoring purposes, we have physicians from the OSMS board of directors in charge of a block of lectures. These physicians from the OSMS board of directors are

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moderators who are in the rooms during all lectures to watch for speakers' language and will interrupt them with a question concerning the issue or lead a discussion after the lecture concerning the issue to negate any bias, whichever is more convenient and comfortable for the physician moderator.

Having our conference at Weber State University gives the pre-medicine and other health care students the opportunity to attend the conference free, find shadowing opportunities with active physicians that are necessary for medical school admittance, and better the health of our community. As of this year, all Weber State students, faculty, development, and administration can attend the conference for free because of the partnership level of the Weber State University College of Science and the Weber State University Dumke College of Health Professions.

Another element that helps with our CME accreditation is the OSMS clinical poster contest. The contest highlights the clinical research of residents and students, adding another dimension of quality to our conference.

It is critical to our CME process that everyone receiving CME fill out a CME evaluation form. We strive for 100% and do not give out CME certificates unless the surveys are completed. This year (2019) marks the first year that the conference will be using a conference app to help decrease paper usage.

Sincerely,

Chad Gonzales, MD