

## Bringing Quality Improvement and CME Together to Accelerate and Sustain Better Care

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### Session Goals

1. What are most-pressing quality and safety concerns and priorities for your institution?
2. What are the opportunities and challenges in aligning and integrating quality and CME?
3. What strategies can I implement to achieve greater alignment and collaboration between quality and CME?




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### Potential ACCME Criteria aligned with these questions:

***C26: The provider advances the use of health and practice data for healthcare improvement.***

The collection, analysis, and synthesis of health and practice data/information derived from the care of patients can contribute to **patient safety, practice improvement, and quality improvement**. Health and practice data can be gleaned from a variety of sources; some examples include electronic health records, public health records, prescribing datasets, and registries. This criterion will recognize providers that use these **data to teach about health informatics and improving the quality and safety of care**.




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### Potential ACCME Criteria aligned with these questions:

*C30: The provider designs CME to optimize technical and procedural skills of learners.*

Technical and procedural skills are essential to many aspects of professional practice, and need to be learned, updated, reinforced, and reassessed. Some examples of these skills are **operative skill, device use, procedures, physical examination, specimen preparation, resuscitation, and critical incident** management. This criterion recognizes providers that offer CME to help learners gain, retain, or improve technical and/or procedural skills.




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### Potential ACCME Criteria aligned with these questions:

*C37: The provider demonstrates healthcare quality improvement.*

CME has an essential role in **healthcare quality improvement**. This criterion recognizes providers that demonstrate that their CME program contributes to improvements in processes of care or system performance.




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### CME as A Strategic Resource

"The rapid changes occurring in health care delivery system require physicians and hospitals to partner to transform the delivery model; CME as an existing mechanism can enhance and strengthen that partnership."<sup>1</sup>

1. Combs, J. R., and E. Arespachaga. *Continuing Medical Education as a Strategic Resource*. American Hospital Association's Physician Leadership Forum, Chicago, IL, September 2014.




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