
Education Issues

EMC - EDUCATION (CONTINUING MEDICAL)

EMC-001

Education and Research as a Component of the Health Care System: The Wisconsin Medical Society recognizes that education and research are a critical component of our health care system and must be appropriately funded. As the health care system is reformed or changed, it is essential that provisions or mechanisms to provide adequate, stable financing of medical education and research be included. (HOD, 0406)

EMC-003

Continuing Medical Education Hours: The Wisconsin Medical Society supports maintaining the current number of continuing medical education hours required to maintain a license to practice medicine in Wisconsin and supports random audits by the Medical Examining Board for physician compliance with CME credit requirements. (HOD, 0405)

EMC-004

Procedures for Reconsideration and Appeal of Adverse Accreditation Decisions: It is the policy of the Wisconsin Medical Society that Continuing Medical Education (CME) adverse accreditation decisions must adhere to specific guidelines. (HOD, 0407)

EMC-005

Joint Sponsor Policy Statement: The Wisconsin Medical Society (Society) supports the position that: The Council on Medical Education will give preference to requests for program sponsorship with Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit approval from Society commissions and committees planning programs that coincide with the Society Annual Meeting or other major meetings. The Council on CME and the Society may decline any other request for sponsorship for any reason deemed appropriate. The Council will encourage organizations seeking sponsorship to use other available accreditation mechanisms or attain independent accreditation status. The Council may at its discretion recommend sponsorship as the source of last resort and on a one-time only basis. If the Council does not approve sponsorship, the requestor may appeal this decision to the Society Board of Directors, which shall make the final determination of whether to approve the program sponsorship. (HOD, 0407)

EMC-006

Support of Commercial Vendors: The Wisconsin Medical Society (Society) welcomes

the support of continuing medical education by commercial vendors. Guidelines for this support are officially adopted from Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education standards and are as follows:

Program Control: In accordance with the guidelines, the overall planning and responsibility for the Continuing Medical Education Program is with the Council on Continuing Medical Education. This includes the selection of speakers, topics, meeting sites and other important decisions.

Recognition: Financial support is acknowledged by an appropriate statement on all printed materials. The Council on Continuing Medical Education (CME) receives grants directly and pays the expenses and honoraria from the Society account. Publicity for the program is controlled solely by the Society and its Council on CME. Grants are welcomed for the preparation and dissemination of brochures, announcements, and posters, which will be prepared by, and identified with the Society. Company representatives should not issue formal invitations for the program to physicians unless expressly approved by the Manager of Meeting Planning and Medical Education.

Representatives: Company representatives are encouraged to attend all meetings, with name badges provided by the Society.

Exhibits: Booths or other displays are allowed on a rental basis. Such displays must be set up in a separate exhibit area. (HOD, 0407)

EMC-007

Timely Publication of Clinical Studies: The Wisconsin Medical Society supports the position that important medical treatment studies should be disseminated in a scientific communication to the medical profession in a timely fashion. (HOD, 0406)

EMC-008

Documentation for the Medical Examining Board: The Wisconsin Medical Society supports the position that physicians who do not have the required documentation for continuing medical education credits when asked to produce them by the Medical Examining Board should be required to complete 30 credits over the next 6 months at a designated pre-approved location in addition to their current 30 required Continuing Medical Education credits. (HOD, 0406)

EMC-010

Examination for Maintenance of Medical License: The Wisconsin Medical Society opposes the imposition of any clinical skills examination for maintenance of medical license as other mechanisms exist to ensure physician's competence. (HOD, 0404)

EME - EDUCATION (MEDICAL)

EME-001

Restrictive Covenants: The Wisconsin Medical Society

- Will offer counseling and education to established physicians as well as residents and students concerning restrictive covenants in employment contracts before such contracts are signed.
- Will publish an informational article in the *Wisconsin Medical Journal* on employment contracts including information on restrictive covenants, which will also be made available for use by both state medical schools to distribute to all

medical students and residents.

- Will participate in educational forums on employment or employment contracts that the medical schools host for students and residents. (BOD, 1000)†

EME-003

Due Process for Housestaff: The Wisconsin Medical Society (Society) supports

- The September 1998 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) doctrine of “fair institutional policies and procedures for academic or other disciplinary actions taken against physicians in training.”
- Adjudication of physicians-in-training complaints related to actions that could result in dismissal or could threaten career development.
- Incorporation of language into physician-in-training contracts that requires the program to provide an annual written contract no later than March 1 that provides a reasonable timeframe to initiate an appeal for non-renewed contracts. The Society will provide a referral source for those who require legal assistance. (HOD, 0405)

EME-005

Domestic Violence Training in Medical School: The Wisconsin Medical Society supports and encourages domestic violence prevention training during medical school and residency training. (HOD, 0405)

EME-007

Training for Residents: The Wisconsin Medical Society

- Encourages, as early as feasible in the first year of residency, the teaching of ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) and BLS (Basic Life Support) to maintain certification.
- Supports encouraging making ACLS and BLS an integral part of the residents’ training. (HOD, 0405)

EME-011

Adequate Public Funding for Predoctoral and Graduate Medical Education: The Wisconsin Medical Society supports helping to facilitate adequate funding for predoctoral and graduate medical education. (HOD, 0405)

EME-012

Role of Medical Schools in the Community: The Wisconsin Medical Society

- Respectfully recommends that both medical schools be encouraged to devote resources to working within Wisconsin to provide high-quality and appropriately-distributed clinical services to the desperately underserved communities in the state in the most efficient manner possible while providing supervised experience to young physicians and medical students.
- Supports developing a set of principles that would guide the communication and interactions between the private medical community and the medical schools as they pursue their educational mission. These principles should be developed in consultation with the medical schools and the private medical

†Currently under review.

community and should address the potential for conflict and ways to facilitate the resolution of conflicts that arise. (HOD, 0407)

EME-014

Medical Education Funding: The Wisconsin Medical Society strongly supports state funded Graduate Medical Education funding for residency training programs and sufficient yearly tuition assistance and capitation payments to Wisconsin medical students attending the Medical College of Wisconsin. (HOD, 0404)

EME - 015

Increase in House Staff Positions: The Wisconsin Medical Society supports increasing the number of graduate medical education (residency and fellowship) positions to adequately address the developing physician workforce shortage. (HOD, 0404)

EME-016

Restoration of Medicaid Reimbursement for Graduate Medical Education: The Wisconsin Medical Society requests that the Wisconsin government restore the reimbursement for graduate medical education (GME) to the same level as it would have been had the State not instituted reductions in the GME reimbursement to the teaching hospitals in the first place. (HOD, 0408)

EMP - EDUCATION OF OTHER PROFESSIONALS

EMP-001

Mini-Internship Program for Non-Medical Leaders: The Wisconsin Medical Society

- Supports development of a Mini-Internship Program to educate legislators, business leaders and others about the complexities and demands of medical practice, as well as to build positive rapport between these various groups, as well as to provide professional input for these groups as legislation is developed, as business practices are developed and as public policies are developed.
- Seeks the assistance of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance for planning and implementing such a mini-internship program. (HOD, 0403)*

EMP-002

Improved Medical Education of County Coroners and Others: The Wisconsin Medical Society supports working with the legislature and the governor to continue improvement in appropriate medical education of coroners, district attorneys, police and sheriffs' departments to further enhance their cooperation with physicians in medical-legal problems. (HOD, 0403)*

*Currently under five-year policy review.