Accreditation with Commendation

At its November 2016 meeting, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®) took action on the accreditation of Sharp HealthCare. The ACCME’s decision was Accreditation with Commendation. Congratulation to the Sharp CME team! This decision was granted after a careful review of Sharp HealthCare’s CME self-study report, evidence of performance-in-practice, and the accreditation interview.

Accreditation with Commendation is presented to organizations that demonstrate compliance in all criteria as well as the accreditation policies. The ACCME commends us for meeting the ACCME’s accreditation requirements and for demonstrating that we are a learning organization and a change agent for the physicians and patients we serve. We demonstrated an engagement with our environment in support of physician learning and change that is a part of a system for quality improvement.

The Sharp CME team sincerely thanks all the physicians who we work with closely to ensure we deliver high quality education and for making an important contribution to the continuing professional development of our learners and to their professional practice. Our patients are better for it.

Our Commitment to Great Learning Shines Through - Accreditation with Commendation

Loretta Thompson, MBA, CHCP
Director, Sharp System CME Department

L to R: Loretta Thompson, Graham McMahon, MD, and John Rodriguez
What's New in CME

ACCME Overhauls Commendation Criteria

On September 29, 2016 the ACCME announced the menu of new criteria for the Accreditation with Commendation. These new criteria incorporate a wide range of recommendations on how to advance the role of continuing medical education (CME) in healthcare and utilize education to improve physician competence and performance and patient outcomes.

The new criteria was designed as a menu where accredited organizations are allowed more flexibility to demonstrate compliance by selecting 7 criteria of their choice along with 1 outcomes criteria for a total of 8. There are a total of 16 criteria divided into 5 categories: 1) Promotes team-based education, 2) Addresses public health priorities, 3) Enhances skills, 4) Demonstrates educational leadership, and 5) Achieves outcomes.

The CME Department is currently developing educational opportunities for physician chairs and other interested professionals regarding a deeper review and discussion of each criterion and suggestions for techniques demonstrating compliance. Specific details on this educational curriculum will be coming soon.

In the meantime, if you have an activity that already incorporates these criteria, reach out to the CME Department and let us know by emailing cme@sharp.com. If you would like help assessing whether your activity meets commendation criteria please reach out to the CME Department via email or at (858) 499-4560.

HRO at Sharp HealthCare

HRO Training for All is in full swing with the intention of training all 18,000 employees at Sharp HealthCare by December 2018. While training is not required for physicians. Sharp CME collaborated with the HRO training developers to offer AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™ to physicians who elect to participate in either the online modules and/or the 2-hour workshop.

To access the modules:
1. Go to: http://www.sharp.com/CMEPortal
2. Select Sign In
3. Login to your CME Portal account
4. Select HRO logo on right-screen
5. Select Content & Test
6. Select the first pretest and begin
7. Complete each pretest and videos in order – all items must be complete for test to be available
8. Pass the test and complete the course evaluation—course evaluation must be completed for you to earn credit.

Once you have completed the online component you are encouraged to complete the 2-hour HRO workshop. To sign up contact your entity HRO coordinator.
Physician Spotlight:
Bloodless Medicine

As the most common procedure performed in hospitalized patients, a better understanding of allogenic blood transfusion (ABT) risks and a growing patient population, who wish to avoid transfusion, has led to the development of new treatments. This change has generated the establishment of “bloodless surgery” in more than a 130 United States hospitals and medical centers, including Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center, the only hospital to offer this program in San Diego County. Led by Dr. Hugo Barrera, Medical Director of the Bloodless Medicine and Surgery Center, the center offers blood-saving techniques that include filtering the patient’s own blood through a cell-saver machine, operating laparoscopically to reduce incisions, and using electrocautery and other tools to reduce blood loss. “More importantly, the bloodless program respects patients’ self-determination and ability to make informed decisions regarding the risk and benefits of blood transfusions,” said Dr. Barrera. With more than 700 patients treated since 2015, the Bloodless Medicine and Surgery Center has more than 100 multi-specialty physicians, as well as a bilingual care team that is committed to their patients’ care.

For more information on Sharp Chula Vista’s Bloodless Medicine and Surgery Center, please visit [http://www.sharp.com/services/bloodless/](http://www.sharp.com/services/bloodless/)

Pharmacy Spotlight:
Pharmacy Practice Guidelines Review Series Continues

Sharp HealthCare Pharmacy Department will be presenting the next installment in the Pharmacy Practice Guidelines Review Series on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 starting at 2:30 p.m.

Alexandra Perreiter, PharmD, will be presenting a live webinar on biostatistics.

Details regarding registration for this webinar will be distributed to pharmacists shortly. If you are interested in attending and wish to ensure you receive the announcement please contact Heather Clemons at heather.clemons@sharp.com. To earn continuing pharmacy education contact hours (or CEUs) for this activity please be prepared to text your attendance for this event.

Sign up for text attendance by texting your CME Portal username (e-mail) to (858) 247-3111. When completed correctly you will receive a confirmation text. The activity number will be provided upon login at the webinar.
Activity Spotlight: Looking Back

Advanced Illness Management: The Right Care at the Right Time

Sharp HospiceCare’s 2nd annual Advanced Illness Management Conference was held on July 14, 2017. The focus of the conference was educating physicians and other providers and how to start the goals of care conversation earlier in the disease progression, especially for those with chronic conditions.

Keynote speaker, David Weissman, MD, a national leader in the field of palliative care shared his experience and expertise engaging the audience in a conversation around having the difficult conversations around goals of care, end of life choices and helping patients and family make the tough decisions, during tough times.

Dr. Weissman provided many tools and tips to make these conversations easier and more meaningful to patients and families. Most importantly he encouraged physicians to be honest with patients about their state of health in an effort to learn what the patient wants.

Sharp HealthCare’s 2016 Primary Care Conference

At Sharp HealthCare’s 2016 Primary Care Conference Christopher Ho, MD presented a riveting talk on travel medicine. Dr. Ho is a graduate of UCSD and has been an Emergency Medicine physician at Sharp Memorial Hospital since 2012. Having traveled the world on medical missions, Dr. Ho presented cases on various topics that included travelers’ diarrhea, giardiasis, and hypothermia. Aside from detailing diagnosis and treatment options he discussed tips, tools, and tricks for traveling abroad by introducing everyone to his “Ho Bag” which is a bag of essential things every doctor should travel with. One of the attendees summarized his talk by saying, “I liked the photos, the stories and the interesting travel tips that went beyond simply updating shots and giving malaria meds.”

Activity Spotlight: Looking Forward

Sharp HealthCare’s 2017 Primary Care Conference

Nov. 30—Dec. 4, 2017
Grand Wailea Resort—Maui

Aloha! This year’s national conference will focus on the educational needs of primary care physicians, including family physicians, internists and any others interested in learning about the latest developments in the field of primary care medicine. Topics will include GERD, ophthalmology, head trauma, eldercare, sleep apnea and hypertension among others.

In its 14th year, the conference has established a reputation for attracting physicians from across North America. Faculty speakers are national experts and many attendees participate year after year.

To learn more or register, visit www.sharp.com/aloha.

Sharp HealthCare’s 2017 Osteopathic Medicine Conference

September 23, 2017
Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa & Marina—San Diego

In its 2nd year, this conference is accredited for AOA-credit in support of San Diego osteopathic physicians. The conference, taking a primary care focus, is being held from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will discuss a wide range of topics including the latest primary care quality metrics, ophthalmology, care transitions, oncology, diabetes and emergency room pearls.

To learn more or register, visit www.sharp.com/oncologycme.
Upcoming Events

The most current list of upcoming CME and CPE activities can be found on the CME Portal. You can also view your transcripts and certificates; complete evaluations; update your personal information; and sign up for other activities.

Remember, your CME Portal account username and password may not be the same as your Sharp login credentials.

If you need any assistance, please contact:

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