University of Illinois, College of Medicine  
College Committee on Continuing Medical Education  
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The College of Medicine’s Continuing Medical Education (CME) program with its three regional campuses in Chicago, Peoria, and Urbana, continues to actively facilitate and support continuing education activities and accreditation for medical professionals that attend programs at any of the three sites. While the College’s CME offices have continued their strong support and efforts to maintain and expand the breadth of CME activities held each year, the program is also anticipating several changes that will help improve CME including the launch of a redeveloped eCME system, which is the online application and database management system used by the CME sites to monitor CME activities. The College Committees along with the CME offices have also taken considerable initiative to expand CME’s offering and create a better and more efficient CME process by increasing usability and reevaluating policy, all while continuing to meet ACCME requirements.

The College of Medicine is accredited the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®). The CME program continues to provide its annual reporting of activities to the ACCME®. The College is slated for reaccreditation in 2018.

During the past academic year, the subgroups across the regional campuses have met monthly to review activity proposals and send them forward to the Executive Committee, which also meets monthly via teleconference to put final approval of activities recommended for approval by the regional committees.

Across the three regional offices, CME certified a total of 125 activities for a total of 3,294 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 credit™ instruction this year. These activities were sponsored or jointly sponsored by various departments across the three campuses including several renewal and newly developed activities. Locations for these activities included Chicago, San Diego, Vail, and Hawaii. A total of 6,198 physicians and 4,010 non-physicians attended CME activities this past year. In addition, the CME program accredited 67 course conferences and 58 regularly scheduled series e.g Grand Rounds, Tumor Boards. Regularly scheduled series accounted for more than 5,000 hours of contact time for the College of Medicine affiliated physician faculty. Note that the number of physician participants in each RSS is calculated by the total number of physicians that attend each individual RSS session per ACCME reporting requirements.

As the demand for high-quality CME activities grows, so too do the program’s goals, which includes a relaunched eCME system that will enable CME attendees to access their person records, certificates, and transcripts on-demand allowing them to immediately access them once they are inputted into the system. These exciting changes to eCME will bolster the appeal of the CME program across the three regional campuses. Additionally, CME continues to look at other ways to improve and expand including marketing, curriculum development, policy review and amendment, conferences, and personnel additions which can strengthen the CME program.

Respectfully Submitted,

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