

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The Continuing Medical Education Committee (CMEC) is committed to ensuring CME activities which “serve to maintain, develop or increase the knowledge, skills and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public or the professions”*. The Committee recognizes that physicians are faced with numerous challenges which mandate ongoing access to educational forums where evolving medical science, cutting edge technologies, and ethics are addressed. The content of CME at Bridgeport Hospital will cover the “body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine and the provision of health care to the public”*.

The CME Program at Bridgeport Hospital is part of the institution's total commitment to "clinical and service excellence" as described in the Hospital mission statement. The CMEC oversees the organization of CME programs which are usually administered through the clinical departments. Through the CMEC, Department Chairmen are guided regarding compliance with the relevant Connecticut State Medical Society Essentials.

Bridgeport Hospital is committed to the design and implementation of quality educational programs for physicians and pledges its support to efforts deemed appropriate by CMEC to achieve such an endpoint. The CMEC endorses the following principles of **quality medical education**:

1. **Quality medical education** begins with physician involvement in assessing educational needs and interests,
2. **Quality medical education** is critically linked to the concepts of Quality Management,
3. **Quality medical education** requires appropriate resources including: multimedia support, graphics technology and space to conduct CME programs,
4. **Quality medical education** always includes program evaluation by participants.

The CMEC is committed to encouraging Medical Staff participation in and support of Bridgeport Hospital's highly respected graduate medical education programs.

*AMA House of Delegates Policy #300.988