

# Los Angeles Radiological Society

## CME Mission Statement

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**THE PURPOSE** of the Los Angeles Radiological Society's Continuing Medical Education Program is to meet the educational needs of its members and address identified gaps that exists between current and best practices by providing practice-oriented, scientifically-based educational activities that will maintain and advance skills and knowledge as well as promote life long learning and continual self-assessment for its members. CME activities will result in improvement of physician competence and performance in practice.

**CONTENT AREAS** include the practice categories of radiology and radiation oncology as defined by the American Board of Radiology, which are outlined below:

- Diagnostic and image-guided therapeutic techniques, including all aspects of radiological diagnosis, nuclear radiology, diagnostic ultrasound, magnetic resonance, computed tomography, and interventional procedures as they are applied to the standard diagnostic categories of musculoskeletal radiology, thoracic imaging, gastrointestinal radiology, genitourinary radiology, neuroradiology, vascular and interventional radiology, nuclear radiology, ultrasonography, pediatric radiology, breast imaging, and cardiac imaging.
- The causes, prevention, and treatment of cancer and certain non-neoplastic conditions, utilizing ionizing radiation categorized by the following anatomical sites: Gastrointestinal; Gynecologic; Genitourinary; Lymphoma/Leukemia; Head & Neck; Skin; Breast; Central Nervous System; Lung; and Soft Tissue.

Additionally, LARS CME program provides content for:

- Cultural and linguistic competency (CLC) in the practice of medicine, specific to the subject matter of each activity, that promotes the importance of culture and communication for delivering effective health care.
- Topics such as Emerging Technologies, Practice Management, Medico-Legal, Palliative Care, Patient Safety and other areas deemed relevant by the needs of the membership or where pertinent to the specific subject matter of an activity.

**THE TARGET AUDIENCES** of LARS educational activities are as follows:

- The primary target audience is LARS' physician membership.
- The secondary target audience is non-member physicians, radiology and radiation oncology residents and fellows, other healthcare professionals who would benefit from improved skills and knowledge related to diagnostic and therapeutic radiology, and those who have an impact on the radiologist and radiation oncologist's ability to provide best patient care.

**TYPE OF ACTIVITIES** LARS CME program includes directly sponsored live activities. LARS will engage in jointly sponsored live activities with other organizations when sharing a common mission or educational objectives.

In order to provide multiple approaches for advancing skills and knowledge, CME activities will include when appropriate to the specific subject matter, focus sessions, case-based presentations, hands-on workshops, self-assessment modules, multidisciplinary panels, and audience question and answer sessions.

**EXPECTED RESULTS** LARS educational program will result in improved competence (medical knowledge and ability) and performance in practice (such as diagnostic interpretation and treatment planning skills) among its participants.

LARS expects participants will integrate research knowledge into clinical practice and implement improvements or changes such as utilizing new modalities, applying new diagnostic or treatment techniques, revising diagnostic strategies or treatment guidelines and/or changing patient management strategies.

The success of the program is measured directly from participants who report their intent to change behavior and describe how they plan to apply newly acquired knowledge and skills in their practice via evaluations at the close of each activity. Further, post-activity surveys are used to determine whether changes or improvements were made as intended.

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LARS CME Mission is reviewed as part of LARS Annual CME Program Re-appraisal. The meeting is attended by the LARS Officers and Continuing Education Committee. After revisions are made and approved by the reappraisal members, the CME Mission is presented to LARS Board of Directors for final approval.

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