

Los Angeles Radiological Society

CME Mission Statement

PURPOSE The Los Angeles Radiological Society's Continuing Medical Education Program strives to meet the educational needs of its members by identifying gaps that exist between current and best practices and providing clinically oriented, evidence-based educational activities designed to maintain and advance knowledge and competence and as well as promote lifelong learning and continual self-assessment.

The Los Angeles Radiological Society's Continuing Medical Education Program includes any topics within the practice categories of radiology, radiation oncology, and the body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as defined by the American Board of Radiology. LARS educational programs are intended for physicians and other healthcare professionals practicing in the fields of radiology and radiation oncology. LARS CME program includes directly provided live activities and may include jointly provided live activities with other organizations when sharing a common mission, target audience or educational objective.

LARS overall CME program is intended to improve learners' knowledge and competence. The expected results are:

- improvements in the physician learners' knowledge which will enable them to achieve success in activities required for Maintenance of Certification (Part 2) by the American Board of Radiology;
- improvements in the physician learners' skills or strategies (competence) related to technology, diagnostic or treatment techniques, practice parameters, and/or new research.

The success of the LARS program is measured by participants who:

- receive SA-CME credits during LARS educational activities;
- reflect on their newly acquired knowledge, skills, or strategies, and describe how they plan to apply these in their practice.

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.

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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