

Riverside Methodist Hospital's CME Committee Policy on Selection of Speakers for CME Activities

Riverside Methodist Hospital's Continuing Medical Education Committee plans, supports, and enhances educational opportunities for members of the medical staff. The charge to this Committee is to review and approve CME activities based upon both educational needs and demonstrated compliance with the Essential Areas and Elements, which are established by the Ohio State Medical Association.

Provision of credit by Riverside's CME Committee should be construed as an endorsement of the educational activity's ability to meet the OSMA requirements as outlined in our policies and procedures (i.e. speaker's ability to meet the identified need, accomplish the desired objectives, etc.).

RMH CME Committee's decisions to provide CME credit for appropriate educational offerings and approved speakers do not represent an endorsement by the committee, the hospital, or the medical staff of a particular individual and/or medical group.

Speakers are identified based upon qualifications, demonstrated expertise, and/or recommendations, which may be provided by members of the RMH medical staff. The CME Committee, together with the CME Office, takes the necessary steps in an attempt to ensure the quality, scientific integrity, and balance of each presentation.

CME Speaker Criteria

The following criteria are to be considered when determining speaker considerations for CME activities sponsored by Riverside Methodist Hospitals.

1. All speaker faculty should be selected and/or approved by the physician planner(s), the Director of Medical Education, and the CME Committee.
2. RMH Medical Staff physicians and members of the CME Committee may be asked for specific recommendations or recommendations from commercial support speaker lists.
3. All speaker faculty are recommended and/or approved/chosen by a medical staff member after reviewing their credentials via a current curriculum vitae for criteria such as:
 - a. board certified in their field
 - b. well published
 - c. considered an "expert" in their field
 - d. memberships in appropriate professional organizations
 - e. teaching experience, academic appointments
 - f. reputation as a speaker
 - g. staff appointments/positions
 - h. committee/council memberships
 - i. honors and awards
 - j. prior speaking engagements
 - k. chair of department, head of section