Congratulations to the CME Committee, the CME team and everyone else that has worked hard to qualify our CME Program for national accreditation through the ACCME (Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education). And Congratulations to everybody at GHS participating in our CME Program, as you will all get the benefits of this national accreditation.

The benefits include more flexibility in how CME activities are designed and which activities can be approved for CME credits (AMA PRA Category 1). We can now certify nonclinical subjects such as office management, communication training and professional development as long as these are appropriate and benefit the profession, patient care and public health. Make sure to approach our CME team for any educational activity you are planning to discuss if it could be approved under the emerging ACCME criteria.

National accreditation is also very exciting for our non-physician providers. Many South Carolina State Licensing Boards recognize the high standards set by the ACCME and will now accept our credits towards their licensing requirements for continuing education. According to the SC LLR, these boards include: Nursing, Physical Therapy, Respiratory Therapy and Medical Examiners licensing boards. The benefit does not stop there; many organizations that do not utilize the SC LLR for licensing such as the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) also accept the CME Team’s national accreditation towards their requirements for continuing education. If you have specific questions about a particular Board, please let us know.

Achieving accreditation from the ACCME affirms that we are developing the CME Program in the right directions with increasing focus on quality, patient safety, communication and professionalism. We will strive to meet the commendation criteria which include best practices for continuing education (e.g. interprofessional teaching and learning). The standards set by the ACCME are understandably high and we are proud to meet them!

We have received lots of positive feedback on the new CME Learning Portal and the easier credit claiming process through texting. Thanks for supporting us! If there is anything that could be better, make sure to let us know.

We are excited to announce that we have completed the last step of the rollout process – the import of historical data from the old CME software into the new CME Learning Portal. The last two years’ worth of credits are now available in your CME Learning Portal for review. Log-in to your CME profile to check your credits, below are some instructions on how to do so.

https://ghscme.ethosce.com
1. Log-in (top right corner of the page)
2. Navigate to “My Account”
3. Select “Transcripts&Certificates”
4. Your credits are located under the “Course Credits” tab and the “RSS Credits” tab

We are also uploading tutorials under “Tool Kit” and will be available to assist, if needed.

We have seen a lot of new requests for CME credits in the past few weeks – that is great! Our goal is to get all relevant education at GHS CME approved. We are here to advise you, as education coaches, on continuing education and are happy to support you through the approval process for CME credits.

In addition to CME credits we are ready to offer Maintenance of Certification / Continuing Certification credits for the below listed boards. Get in touch to discuss!

- American Board of Anesthesiology
- American Board of Internal Medicine
- American Board of Pathology
- American Board of Pediatrics

Together with our CME Committee we make the application process as simple and quick as possible. You will see 😊

Contact your CME Team directly at: cme@ghs.org or 864-455-3546