Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education Opens Search for New President and CEO

ACCME Seeks Visionary Leader to Expand and Strengthen Role of Accredited CME as a Strategic Resource to Health Improvement Initiatives
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The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®), the national nonprofit organization responsible for accrediting institutions and organizations that offer continuing medical education (CME), seeks a new President and CEO. The current president and CEO, Murray Kopelow, MD, plans to retire [1] in July 2015 after leading the ACCME for 20 years. He leaves the organization in a healthy financial position with an experienced, loyal, and dedicated staff.

Based in Chicago with staff and volunteers across the country, the ACCME leads initiatives to identify, develop, and promote standards for quality CME. ACCME standards are designed to ensure that accredited CME improves health professionals’ competence and performance, and advances the safety and quality of healthcare provided to patients and communities.

In an era in which healthcare delivery, healthcare education, and systems for physician accountability are all undergoing fundamental transformation, the ACCME President & CEO has the opportunity to play an important role in shaping that transformation. In coordination with peers at other national accrediting, licensing, certifying, and quality improvement organizations across the health professions, the ACCME President & CEO has the opportunity to expand and strengthen the role of accredited CME as a strategic resource to public health initiatives.

The ACCME Board of Directors expects the new CEO to work with them to set, communicate, and implement the ACCME’s vision and strategy at this critical time of transition. The Board anticipates that this vision will incorporate an ongoing focus on continuously improving and communicating the value of the ACCME accreditation system and its contributions to health professionals’ continuing professional development, healthcare institutions’ quality and safety goals, and patient care. The Board also anticipates that the vision and strategy will include ever-increasing levels of engagement and collaboration with the other medical education accreditation, licensing, physician credentialing, and healthcare quality improvement organizations, as well as with accreditation and credentialing bodies in the other health professions.

CEO Position Description

The ACCME Board seeks a board-certified physician and respected leader with an understanding of – and unshakable belief in – the unique role of high-quality CME in improving patient care and the health of communities. She or he will be an excellent communicator with strong interpersonal skills. She or he will appreciate both the world of academics, including outcomes and educational research, and the world of the practicing clinician. She or he will understand that accredited CME encompasses not only clinical practice, but also research, administration, teaching, and executive leadership. The ideal candidate will be an inspiring, optimistic, innovative leader who will – with thoughtfulness and sensitivity – drive effective change across a diverse range of organizations within the US and internationally.

A detailed position description is available here [2].

Executive Search Firm

The ACCME has retained Park Square Executive Search to assist them in this important search. Nominations and applications should be directed to Richard von Rueden, MD, and Kate Cook.
The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®) is a nonprofit organization based in Chicago that is responsible for accrediting institutions that offer continuing medical education through a voluntary, self-regulatory system. The ACCME also has a system for recognizing state medical societies as accreditors for local organizations offering CME.

The ACCME's mission is to identify, develop, and promote standards for quality continuing medical education that improves healthcare for patients and their communities. There are approximately 2,000 accredited CME providers within the ACCME accreditation system, whose activities educate more than 24 million healthcare practitioner participants annually.

The ACCME's member organizations, which represent the profession of medicine and include physician licensing and credentialing bodies, are the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Association for Hospital Medical Education, the Council of Medical Specialty Societies and the Federation of State Medical Boards of the US, Inc.

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