Continuing Education Program Mission Statement

The American Society of Clinical Oncology®, through the execution and continual enhancement of an educational program that is comprehensive in both content and format, seeks to facilitate the acquisition and maintenance of attitudes, knowledge, and skills of clinical- and translational-focused oncology professionals that will positively impact the care of patients with cancer, patients at high risk of cancer, and cancer survivors.

ASCO® will successfully meet the purpose of this mission by utilizing the following strategies:

- Educational activities will focus on the professional scope of the members of the oncology care and/or research team;
- Educational activities will address a wide range of learning styles through their formats, including, but not limited to, live meetings and workshops, educational products utilizing various media and interactive techniques, and other innovative self-assessment exercises;
- Expected results from an educational activity will focus on realizing an increase in learners’ competence or performance related to the stated goals and identified educational needs or professional practice gaps; expected results of the overall educational portfolio will also focus on measuring increases in learners’ competence and/or performance, with a continual reassessment of professional practice gaps and educational needs in the field of oncology to be addressed;
- Educational content will meet the highest standards of balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor through appropriate identification and management of disclosed financial interests relevant to that content, to include consistent monitoring of educational presentations to ensure that presentations are based on the best-available evidence and that any real or apparent bias is avoided.

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