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The 2009 AAMC Annual Meeting, November 6-11, Boston, MA

[The 2009 AAMC Annual meeting](#) provides a wide range of activities, presentations and professional development opportunities for CME professionals, researchers and faculty members. [See CME focused sessions.](#)

The meeting also features the 2009 Society for Academic CME (SACME) Fall Meeting which also provides an excellent series of presentations and opportunities for networking. The SACME meeting will be held November 7-8, 2009, in Boston at the Marriott Copley Place. Further details and online registration for the SACME meeting can be found at the [SACME Web Site](#).

THE 2009 Harrison Survey

SACME and the AAMC launch the annual CME survey today. Now covering academic societies and teaching hospitals with active CME programs - as well as medical schools - the survey describes the state of the academic CME enterprise. Look for its results this fall.

ACCME News

Dr Murray Kopelow, ACCME's Chief Executive, has been appointed to the [Office of National Drug Control Policy](#) (ONDCP) as an expert advisor. The Office's role is to increase "the Nation's focus on preventing and treating substance abuse." Dr Kopelow's appointment reflects the degree to which CME is regarded as a vehicle for change and public health policy implementation in this important medical area.

The ACCME has posted an updated list of [ACCME accredited providers](#) on its Web site with more data than it has previously released. The list includes current accreditation status, total numbers of activities, hours and participants reported, types of activities produced; receipt of commercial support and other matters.

The ACCME also posted the following resources:

- [ACCME Decision-Making](#)
- [ACCME 2008 Annual Report Data](#)
- [Standards for Commercial Support to Ensure the Independence of CME Activities](#)

AHRQ ANNOUNCEMENTS

The AHRQ has posted various grant opportunities including:

- [Small grant program for conference support](#)
- [Large conference grant announcement](#)
- [Investing in health care reform by transforming primary care practice](#)

[Other AHRQ announcements include:](#)

AHRQ issues notice of intent for comparative effectiveness grants and contracts Under the Recovery Actases guides to help pregnant women and doctors compare treatments for gestational diabetes; AHRQ-funded distributed data networks which show promise of advancing comparative effectiveness and other research; and a new evidence report on hip fracture.

CME AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

The Institute for Health Policy at The University of Texas School of Public Health announces the launch a comprehensive [knowledge translation Web portal](#). The site features a searchable literature database, a worldwide calendar of events, a funders database, and powerful social networking tools

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: PHARMA and CME

The US is not alone in its attempt to investigate the link between prescribing behaviors and CME. Soaring drug bills threaten to bankrupt the UK NHS (United Kingdom National Health Service). [The Guardian's report](#) indicates that billions are spent annually by pharmaceutical companies on "continuing medical education", such as conferences and seminars – for doctors, 300 times the Department of Health's contribution.

MEETINGS & PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

[Knowledge Transfer in Action](#)

Brought to you by the Alliance for CME in collaboration with the Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions (JCEHP), on September 24, 2009 at 1:00 - 2:00 pm EDT. Guest Faculty: Sharon Straus, MD, MSc, FRCPC & Scott Reeves, PhD

The 2010 Canadian CME Call for Proposal for Education Activities

The Program Committee for the 2010 CCME (in St. John's, Newfoundland) is now inviting the submission of proposals for workshops, oral and poster presentations in the areas of admissions, undergraduate, postgraduate, continuing medical education, faculty development or any other topic relevant to medical education. This year's theme is "White Coat, Warm Heart: Integrating Science and Humanism". *The deadline for submissions is October 19th, 2009.*

Mid Atlantic Regional Meeting

The Alliance for Continuing Medical Education is pleased to offer a one day training focusing on Performance Improvement (PI) CME on Thursday, September 24, 2009 in Baltimore, MD to serve the mid-Atlantic region. Registration is open.

G-I-N Conference 2010, August 25-28, 2010

Hosted by the American College of Chest Physicians, the Guidelines International Network (G-I-N) Conference 2010 is an international effort to improve patient care through the development and implementation of clinical practice guidelines.

THEME: Integrating Knowledge. Improving Outcomes.

PLACE: Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois, USA

PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

Kahan N, et al. [The Tools of an Evidence-Based Culture: Implementing Clinical-Practice Guidelines in an Israeli HMO](#). *Academic Medicine*: Sept. 2009; 84 (9): 1217-25

Improving Healthcare through Lifelong Learning

Macy Foundation has released final versions of the "*Continuing Education in the Health Professions: Improving Healthcare through Lifelong Learning*" Conference Proceedings. To receive copies of the report, please contact Nicholas R. Romano at nromano@macyfoundation.org

Mladovsky P, et al. [Lifelong learning and physician revalidation in Europe](#). *EuroObserver*; Summer 2009;11:2

Lugtenberg M, et al. [Why don't physicians adhere to guideline recommendations in practice? An analysis of barriers among Dutch general practitioners](#). *Implementation Science* 2009,4:54

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