

CME MISSION STATEMENT

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The Los Angeles Radiological Society (LARS) is committed in its mission to encourage improved and continuing educational opportunities for our members and members of the medical community. In support of this goal, the Board of Directors of LARS has charged its Continuing Education Committee (CEC) with the development, implementation, and oversight of its Continuing Medical Education Program and supports this program by providing financial support in its annual budget.

The PURPOSE of the Continuing Medical Education Program of the Los Angeles Radiological Society is to provide CME activities that enable our members as well as others in the medical community with a professional interest to **remain current** and **respond to advances** in diagnostic radiology, interventional radiology, and radiation oncology. The **EXPECTED RESULT** of our Continuing Medical Education Program is the incorporation of current radiology and radiation oncology research results, new modalities, diagnosis or treatment into the practices of Los Angeles area Radiologists and Radiation Oncologists with the ultimate goal of providing the best possible care to patients. It is further our purpose to evaluate the effectiveness of both the individual activities and the overall CME Program to make sure they meet the identified needs of our target audience.

Members of the CEC develop educational activities by surveying our constituents' and activity participants' interests and needs.

Needs assessment tools include, but are not limited to:

- A survey of participants at the end of each activity;
- An ongoing review of activity evaluation results;
- A survey of recognized experts in a specialty area, both from academic and private practice; and
- A regular review of the current literature for topics appropriate to our audience.

The primary TARGET AUDIENCE of the Society's CME Program is the membership of the organization. **Secondary audiences** may include physicians and non-physicians who would benefit from a better knowledge of advances in diagnostic and therapeutic radiology and those who have an impact on the radiologist's/radiation oncologist's ability to provide best patient care.

The general **TYPES OF ACTIVITIES** conducted include, but are not limited to:

- Annual conferences covering radiology, radiation oncology, ultrasound;
- Seminars and symposia on breast imaging and nuclear radiology; and
- Focus workshops, hands-on workshops, lectures and self-assessment activities.

CONTENT AREAS include but are not limited to:

- Diagnostic and image-guided therapeutic techniques, including all aspects of radiological diagnosis, nuclear radiology, diagnostic ultrasound, magnetic resonance, computed tomography, and interventional procedures as they are applied to the standard diagnostic categories of musculoskeletal radiology, thoracic imaging, gastrointestinal radiology, genitourinary radiology, neuroradiology, vascular and interventional radiology, nuclear radiology, ultrasonography, pediatric radiology, breast imaging, and cardiac imaging.
- The causes, prevention, and treatment of cancer and certain non-neoplastic conditions, utilizing ionizing radiation categorized by the following anatomical sites: Gastrointestinal; Gynecologic; Genitourinary; Lymphoma/Leukemia; Head & Neck; Skin; Breast; Central Nervous System; Pediatric; Lung; Soft Tissue and Bone.