



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Elson S. Floyd
College of Medicine

Dear WSU College of Medicine community,

We would like to provide an update regarding the Continuing Medical Education (CME) program's accreditation of a course, "International Perspectives on Evidence-Based Treatment for Gender Dysphoric Youth."

Over the past weeks, many members of the WSU system and college leadership team have received questions about the CME accreditation process and the future of the course. We would like to take a moment to share further available information regarding the status of the courses, CME processes, and our continued commitment to support the health and well-being of all those in our college community and beyond.

First, we would like to acknowledge the varied emotions that many of you are experiencing as we navigate this time. It's crucial for us to recognize and give space for them as we move forward together. We hear and respect you and your commitment to our values.

Current Status

We are currently engaging with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) as they conduct an inquiry into this series. While this review is ongoing, course materials are suspended at the request of the ACCME. As an accrediting body, the ACCME may request an inquiry and course suspension at any time. The College of Medicine has submitted materials to the ACCME documenting the content and alignment of each course with ACCME standards. We will provide updates and next steps following the conclusion of the inquiry. We have not received an estimated review timeline from the ACCME since the submission of our materials.

How does the Continuing Medical Education program serve as an accreditor? When the college's Continuing Medical Education program serves as an accreditor, it evaluates courses, programs, or series in accordance with the standards established by the ACCME. To maintain institutional neutrality in this role, the college strictly adheres to ACCME's accreditation criteria. This includes a rigorous review of educational materials by independent experts. The college is committed to high-quality, evidence-based CME opportunities that meet ACCME's standards and support the exploration of evolving topics and varied clinical approaches.

What does accreditation entail?

Accreditation indicates that the courses met ACCME's requirements for scientific balance. However, it's important to note that the accreditation designation does not represent the university's endorsement or co-sponsorship of any group providing the course.

CME courses are designed to provide evidence-based medical information to practicing medical professionals related to their clinical experience. Participation is voluntary and determined by individual practitioners; these courses do not constitute a required curriculum for any educational program.

Remaining firmly rooted in our mission and vision

We want to emphasize that, as a college, we remain firmly rooted in our mission and vision and are steadfast in our work to improve the health and well-being of all. These are not abstract ideals:

each of you actively contributes to our vision and our institutional mission. It is this dedication and passion that makes the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine so extraordinary.

Support

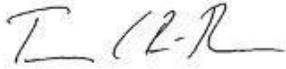
Please remember that your top priority is your personal health, followed closely by family and friends. If you or anyone you know is in need of support, know that there are institutional resources available to you, listed below.

- The Washington State Employee Assistance Program provides confidential counseling and referral services for employees. Call [1-877-313-4455](tel:1-877-313-4455) or visit the [EAP website](#) to learn more.
- The Office of the University Ombuds provides an effective, informal, and neutral channel for students, staff, and faculty to voice concerns related to WSU. Email ombuds@wsu.edu or call [509-335-1195](tel:509-335-1195).

Warm regards,



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