

## **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) MISSION STATEMENT**

Bridgeport Hospital is a not-for-profit medical institution committed to the highest ideals of medical care for its patients and the highest standards of excellence of its medical staff. Continuing Medical Education is indispensable in enabling Bridgeport Hospital to meet this commitment.

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of CME at Bridgeport Hospital is to maintain, develop or increase the knowledge, skills and professional performance that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public and/or the profession.

### **CONTENT:**

The content of CME will cover the body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine and the provision of health care to the public. CME activities will incorporate the educational needs (knowledge, competence or performance) that underlie the practice gaps of the target audience.

### **TARGET AUDIENCE:**

The CME activities are primarily designed to support the professional and educational needs of the medical staff as well as the resident staff of our highly respected graduate medical education programs.

### **TYPES OF ACTIVITIES:**

The activities designed to meet the educational needs of the target audience include a number of formats: case presentation(s), regularly scheduled conferences, summaries of performance improvement initiatives, intranet point of care CME. In addition, the Reeves Health Sciences Library provides numerous databases and specific sites for Connecticut State mandated topics.

### **EXPECTED RESULTS:**

It is expected that participation in CME programs, using various needs assessment tools, will improve the knowledge, competence or performance of the members of the target audience. Results will be measured in a variety of ways. Immediate post program evaluation will assess the participants' opinions regarding the impact (of the program) on any of the competencies. Post tests may be utilized to measure acquisition of medical knowledge. Follow up outcomes measures may be determined under the auspices of Performance Improvement in order to ascertain any changes in practice patterns.