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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Haley:

The South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners, hereinafter referred to as the Medical Board, is proud to support your Domestic Violence Task Force. We appreciate the attention that the Governor's Office has brought to this significant issue and we welcome this opportunity to provide service to South Carolina citizens in this particularly important area of community health.

The Medical Board received information regarding the Task Force's progress during our meetings in 2015, specifically discussing the educational resources available to our licensees. We support and encourage our licensees to become better educated about domestic violence. South Carolina medical licensees, as healthcare providers, can play an integral role in addressing this serious public health issue, both professionally and as leaders in their communities, and members of the Medical Board strongly encourage our licensees to take advantage of continuing education offerings that focus on domestic violence. Daniel Saad M.D., who serves as a Medical Board and Task Force member, has ensured that the Medical Board received valuable educational presentations from the clinical, medical and law enforcement perspectives. Medical Board members encourage all licensees to pursue similar opportunities to better understand the multitude of issues surrounding domestic violence.

The Medical Board will propose a distribution of information to all of our licensees within the coming months detailing the continuing education available, as well as the resources available to our patients, so that our licensees may refer patients affected by domestic violence to the appropriate services. Also, the Medical Board will develop a Position Statement regarding domestic violence in South Carolina.

I look forward to my continued service on the Domestic Violence Task Force and we, the Medical Board, stand ready to advance the goal of reducing and eliminating domestic violence in our state to the fullest extent possible. It is with our greatest pleasure that the members of the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners are able to continue service to our magnificent state.

Kindest regards,

Stephen R. Gardner, M.D.
President



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Available Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence CE Courses (Online)

PROVIDER	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS	COST	APPROVED
Virtual Lecture Hall	Current Management of Domestic Violence – Responding to IPV	Up to 16.00	\$25.00/credit	ACCME
	A Clinician’s Guide to Sexual Assault	2.0	\$50.00	ACCME
Medscape	Intimate Partner Abuse: Identifying, Caring for and Helping Women in Healthcare Settings	1.00	\$0.00	ACCME
Prime Inc.	Addressing the Maze of Domestic Violence in Child Abuse, Elder Abuse, and Intimate Partner Aggression	2.0	\$25.00	ACPE, ACCME, ADA, APA, ANCC
AKH, Inc	Domestic Violence	2.0	\$25.00	ACCME
	Domestic Violence: Focus on Child Abuse	3.0	\$25.00	ACCME
	Dating Violence Among Adolescent ED Visits	0.5	\$0.00	ACCME
Continuingeducation.com	Domestic Violence in Adults and Children	2.0	Nonmember: \$24.00 Member: \$12.00	ACCME
National Association for Continuing Education	“Opening Pandora’s Box” Family Violence – A Guide to Identify and Treat Victims of Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse	2.0	\$50.00	ACCME
NetCE	Sexual Assault: Evaluation and Care	3.0	\$15.00	ACCME
	Digital Technology and Domestic Violence	3.0	\$15.00	ACCME
Massachusetts General Hospital	Aggression and Domestic Violence	1.0	0.00	ACCME

*The above table is a sample of continuing education courses addressing domestic violence/intimate partner violence available when drafted. This is not an exhaustive list of all courses that meet the below referenced criteria. South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners do not have any affiliation with the CE providers.



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1. CME does improve physician performance and patient health outcomes;
2. CME has a more reliably positive impact on physician performance than on patient health outcomes;
3. CME leads to greater improvement in physician performance and patient health if it is more interactive, uses more methods, involves multiple exposures, is longer, and is focused on outcomes that are considered important by physicians.

Cervero, R.M., Gaines, J.K. (2015) The impact of CME on physician performance and patient health outcomes: an updated synthesis of systematic reviews. *J Contin Educ Health Prof.*, 35(2), 131-8. <http://doi: 10.1002/chp.21290>.

SECTION 40-47-40. Continuing Professional Education.

(2) For renewal of an active permanent license biennially, documented evidence of at least one of following options during the renewal period is required:

- (a) **forty hours of Category I** continuing medical education **sponsored by the American Medical Association, American Osteopathic Association, or another organization approved by the board** as having acceptable standards for courses it sponsors, **at least thirty hours** of which must be **related directly to the licensee's practice area**, and **at least two (2) hours** of which may be related to approved procedures of **prescribing and monitoring controlled substances** listed in Schedules II, III, and IV of the schedules provided for in Sections 44-53-210, 44-53-230, 44-53-250, and 44-53-270, and must be received from a statewide organization recognized by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to recognize and accredit organizations in South Carolina offering continuing medical education or from a statewide organization approved to provide continuing medical education by its national organization which is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. Each renewal form submitted pursuant to Section 40-47-41 must include a certificate of participation with the prescribing and monitoring education requirement issued by the organization from which the education was received;
- (b) certification of added qualifications or recertification after examination by a national specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or American Osteopathic Association or another approved specialty board certification;
- (c) completion of a residency program or fellowship in medicine in the United States or Canada approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association;
- (d) passage of the Special Purpose Examination or Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable Purpose Examination; or
- (e) successful completion of a clinical skills assessment program approved by the board, such as the Institute for Physician Evaluation or the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians.