

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Educational objectives define the expected outcomes for the learner. The objectives are derived from the overall purpose of the activity. Educational objectives are written statements that describe the learner oriented outcomes which may be expected as a result of participation in the educational activity. In the case of most continuing education activities these statements describe knowledge, skills, and attitude changes that should occur upon successful completion of the activity and should describe how the practice gap will be addressed.

NOTE: A CE activity that is held weekly or monthly (e.g., grand rounds), may be covered by a single set of activity objectives with additional objectives determined ongoing.

Sample objectives

- Participants will identify strategies to improve patient outcomes in regard to . . .
- Participants will be able to recognize the clinical implications of . . .
- Describe the methodology for development of new guidelines or . . .
- Participants will be able to identify . . .
- Outline management principles of . . .
- Participants will be able to list the essential elements of . . .
- Compare and contrast the appropriate selection and dosing based on . . .

Some Verbs for use in Stating Cognitive Outcomes: Define, list, recall, name, recognize, state, repeat, record, label, discuss, describe, explain, identify, translate, restate, express, estimate, compute, demonstrate, illustrate, perform, apply, use, distinguish, analyze, differentiate, compare, contrast, categorize, classify, outline, diagnose, propose, design, manage, assess, rate, choose, decide.

Unacceptable Educational Objectives: To offer activities on the selected topic. To give area physicians the opportunity to learn from nationally recognized speakers. Goals of the conference and vague statements that do not describe learner-oriented outcomes.