



## **IASLC Continuing Medical Education (CME) Mission Statement (Criteria 1)**

### **Purpose**

The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) Continuing Medical Education (CME) program's purpose is to promote lifelong learning for physicians and the health care teams they work with. The IASLC is a professional medical society that provides education about lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies to physicians and other professionals who care for their patients. IASLC believes such efforts "raise the bar" regarding quality patient care. The mission of the IASLC is to conquer lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies by studying their etiology, epidemiology, prevention, diagnosis and treatment; by disseminating information and providing education to the Association's members, to the medical community at large, and to the public; and by using all available means throughout the world. IASLC programs are designed to improve knowledge, competence, performance, and patient outcomes by improving the quality and safety of medical care. The IASLC is the only global organization dedicated to the study of lung cancer. Founded in 1972, the association's membership includes more than 5,000 lung cancer specialists in over 100 countries. Visit [www.iaslc.org](http://www.iaslc.org) for more information.

### **Content Areas**

Content is developed to address educational gaps identified in the needs assessments and may include various therapeutic areas. Content is also derived from needs assessments of our audience base and is based on best practices of clinical care and patient safety. Specifically the nature and scope of the IASLC CME program is to provide educational content in thoracic oncology to meet the identified learning needs of its members and program attendees. This includes advances in medical liability derived from case studies research, translation and application in clinical practice. The content's purpose is to strengthen the knowledge, competence and/or performance of physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals as defined in the needs assessment. IASLC also develop evidence-based and clinically-oriented topics for generalists and specialists practicing in academic medical centers or in the health care community.

### **Target Audience:**

The IASLC CME program provides educational activities for health care professionals of multiple specialties and subspecialties that are comprised of local, national and international physicians as well as practitioners, academicians, clinical researchers, nurses, pharmacists, and



other health care professionals involved in the care of patients with lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies. Additionally, the IASLC works to provide team-based education and training for the health care team in the environment where physicians work.

### **Type of Activities:**

The educational format is determined based on the type of professional gaps revealed in the needs assessment (i.e. knowledge, competence and/or performance gaps). IASLC offers activities such as Grand Rounds, Internet Live Courses, Enduring Materials, Conferences, Regional Meetings, Symposia and Workshops that allow learners to advance their competence and performance in caring for patients with lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies. IASLC also participates in educational forums held jointly with other physician members from medical societies whose mission is compatible with IASLC. Live education activities vary depending on the needs of the target audience and may include didactic presentations, case studies, team training, interactive techniques, simulated patients and discussion groups. Accessible enduring materials that may be developed include internet live courses, case studies and journal-based activities. Technology is utilized to present interactive presentations on the web or via teleconference. IASLC will utilize existing tools and develop new tools to measure post-activity changes in patient safety and quality.

### **Expected Results:**

Attendees are expected to apply the knowledge and skills gained through CME activities to improve the outcome of health care with patient safety in mind. Activities are currently evaluated by subjective attendee assessments. The expected result of IASLC's educational programs are to increase learners' competence, improve outcomes for patients with lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies, as well as preventing the development of these cancers and reducing mortality through early detection. For some activities, aggregated objective data is used to measure overall improvement in clinical care. In select activities, health care professional data is used to measure individual improvements. It is the goal of IASLC CME program to continually improve the outcomes and measure the effectiveness of IASLC activities.