### Jennifer Dunleavy, MSA

# Senior Vice President for Business and Operations at the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

Ms. Dunleavy oversees the ACCME's systems for data collection and analysis in support of the accreditation for national and international providers of continuing medical education (CME). As a part of this responsibility, she directs ACCME's efforts to provide data services in support of seven specialty boards' Continuing Certification requirements, the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) Opioid REMS education initiative, and the Pilot program aimed at providing CME data to state licensing boards. At the ACCME, she is also responsible for budgeting, financial monitoring, information technology infrastructure, and office administration.

Jennifer received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Northwestern University, and a Master of Science of Accountancy from DePaul University. She is a Certified Public Accountant, and, prior to joining ACCME, worked in public accounting and banking.

## Dr. Michael Zanolli

# Vice Chair, ACCME

Dr. Zanolli is a physician who resides in Nashville, TN. He was educated in TN, earning a medical degree from UTHSC in Memphis, where he did his residency training combining two years of Internal Medicine and three years of Dermatology.

Academic and professional activities include fourteen years in academic medicine as a faculty member at Wake Forest University and Vanderbilt University, followed by a hospital based practice at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. He is currently a member of the Heritage Medical Associates (HMA) and served on the Board of Directors of HMA for five years. Service to HMA continues as a member of the Strategy Committee of the physician owned association.

Professional activities within the specialty of Dermatology include local, state, national and international participation in leadership roles. These include serving as past President of the Tennessee Dermatology Society, on numerous committees and task forces within the American Academy of Dermatology Association (AADA), including the AADA Congressional Policy Committee, past Chairman of SkinPAC, the AADA's federal political action committee, past President of the Photomedicine Society, and election to the American Dermatologic Association as a fellow.

Dr. Zanolli was appointed to the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners (BME) by Governor Phil Bredesen in 2004 and was reappointed in 2009. Dr. Zanolli was again

reappointed in 2014 by Governor Bill Haslam and served as President of the TN BME from 2012 until the end of 2016. His third term expired in April of 2019.

In addition to State of TN activities, other professional leadership roles include past service as President then Chair of the Nashville Academy of Medicine and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the TN Medical Association. He served on the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) for two consecutive terms from 2013-2019. Dr. Zanolli was elected to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) beginning December 2015 and was reelected for a second three year term in 2018. He currently serves as the Vice Chair of the ACCME.

# SIMPLIFYING CME DATA SHARING

Collaboration to Serve Licensees and the Board

> Michael Zanolli, M.D., Vice Chair

Jennifer Dunleavy, MSA, Senior Vice President for Business and Operations



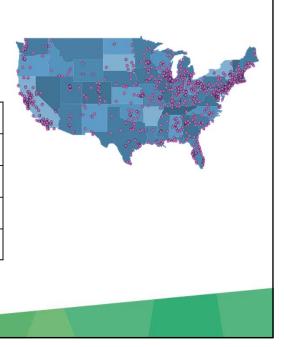
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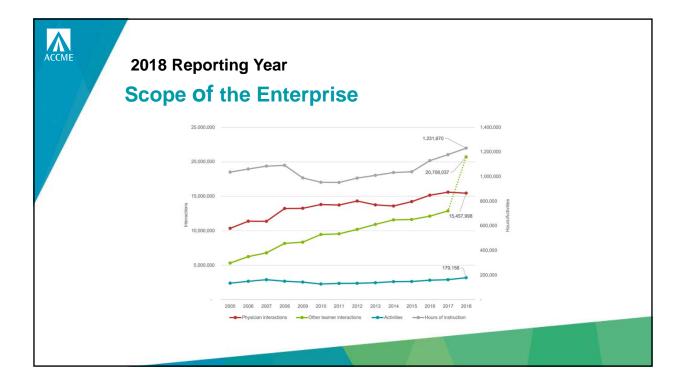
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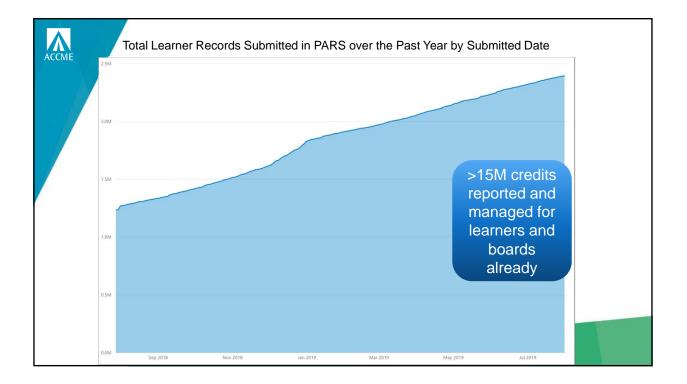
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# 2018 Reporting Year Scope Of the Enterprise

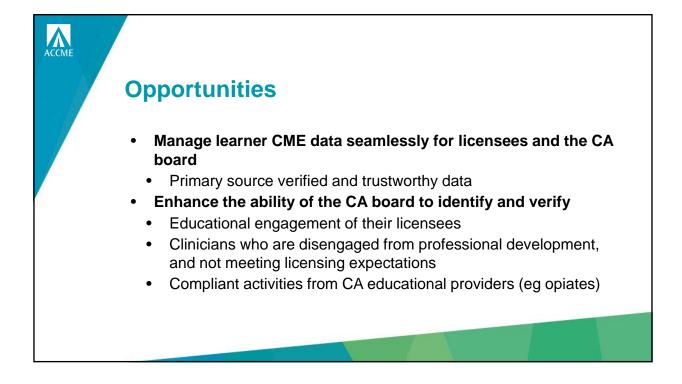
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Activities	179,158
Hours of Instruction	1,231,670
Physician Interactions	15,457,998
Other Learner Interactions	20,708,037



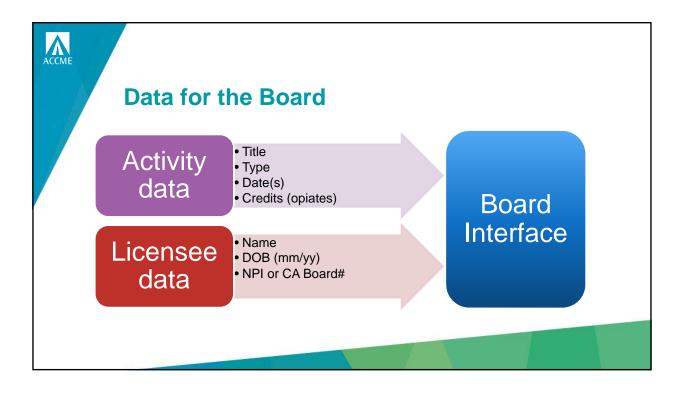


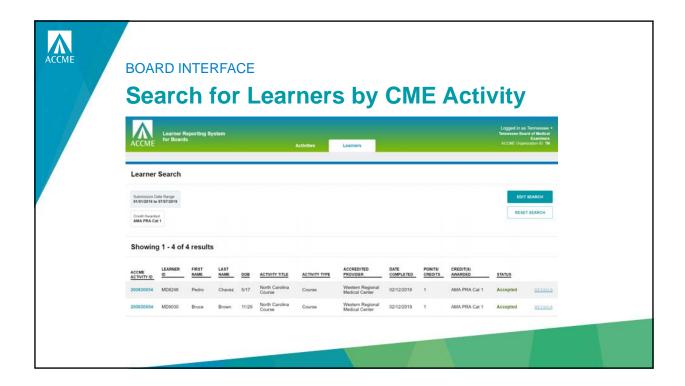




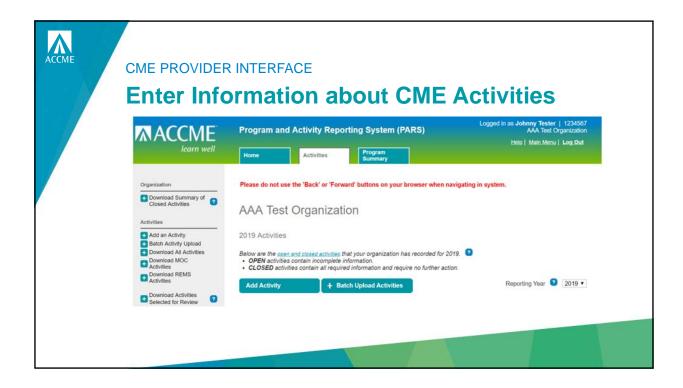








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## CME Data for Physicians in California

#### Accredited CME

There are over 250 accredited continuing medical education (CME) providers in California. Furthermore, many physicians licensed in California participate in activities offered by the approximately 1500 accredited providers from outside of the state. As a result of their accreditation these organizations can issue AMA PRA Category 1<sup>™</sup> CME credits to physicians who complete their activities. Typically, this credit is issued as a paper or digital certificate.

ACCME has been progressively deploying a digital system where accredited providers report CME completion data for the physicians into the system; authorized licensing staff can log in to ACCME's data systems and see the CME completion records for physicians-licensees without having to retrieve that information from the physician.

#### **State Pilot Background**

ACCME launched this pilot project with the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners and the North Carolina Medical Board. The licensing authorities in Maine recently joined the pilot, simplifying the CME reporting process for those learners who have Maine licensees. Based on the success of the pilot we are offering the secure data system to other licensing boards. We believe this service will enable you to provide more value to your learners by streamlining the CME reporting process, while making your audit process much more efficient and straightforward. There is no fee for this service. More information about the pilot can be found <u>here</u>.

#### **Goals for the State Board Reporting**

#### For Clinicians

 To reduce their administrative burden by having CME completions automatically reported to their licensing board(s)

#### For Licensing Boards

- Simplify the reporting of CME credit for licensees
- Simplify the review or audit of licensees for having met credit requirements

#### **For Education Providers**

- Alignment between the systems
- Increase value of the education and credit earned
- To be able to upload learner data



#### How does it work?

Physicians provider their license number and identifying information to the accredited provider and give permission for their data to be shared with the licensing board through ACCME's data system when they register for the activity.

Participating accredited CME providers use ACCME's Program and Activity Reporting System to describe the activity in the data system, including providing categorization as to whether the activity meets other state-required expectations for CME. Once completed, the accredited provider securely uploads the learner completion records for the activity. The learner participation data that the CME providers report includes:

- First and Last Name
- Month and Day of Birth MM/DD (no year)
- State License Number
- (Optional) National Provider Identifier (NPI)\*
- Activity Title
- Activity categorization, if applicable
- Date of Completion of Activity
- Number of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits<sup>™</sup> earned

The Medical Board of California would be given a secure account in PARS that would allow authorized staff to view (and download) the learner data that has been submitted for licensed physicians. Providing access to the data in PARS eliminates the need for your licensees to submit, and for the Medical Board to collect, copies of CME certificates, since the data in PARS is primary source data.

Sample announcement to be sent to Licensees

#### The Medical Board of California Simplifies CME Data Reporting

The Medical Board of California is pleased to announce that it has launched a voluntary pilot program that will allow licensed physicians to have their continuing medical education (CME) credits conveniently and securely shared directly between the accredited educational provider and the Board. The project is being facilitated by a collaboration with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

When you attend an accredited CME activity from one of the participating educational providers listed below, you may be asked to provide your name, CA license number or national provider identifier (NPI), and the day and month of your birth. Providing this information allows the educational provider to automatically verify and share your participation in the accredited CME activity with the Board. The goal is to move to a model where the Board is able to verify its licensees' fulfillment of all CME requirements with minimal action by the licensee. This goal is motivated by a desire to reduce and simplify regulatory burdens on licensees.

Please refer questions about this pilot program to your participating accredited educational provider – <u>contact information is available here</u>.

The Board hopes this project leads to a new and simplified way of managing CME activities.