### Purpose

The purpose of the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program is to assess the educational needs of the Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) Medical Staff, and as determined by those needs, to provide broad educational programs of excellence that will enhance optimal patient care.

To further support, facilitate and recognize a physician’s personal professional development, VCMC physician-faculty involved in the education of residents enrolled in the Family Medicine Residency Program at VCMC (an ACGME accredited institution), can be awarded *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™*, in recognition of the learning associated with the preparation for and teaching of VCMC residents. Physician faculty may be awarded credit based on a 2-to-1 ratio but may claim credit only once even if teaching to a different audience.

It must be noted that the CME Learning From Teaching credit is for learning, learning that is used to teach, not credit for teaching. If there is no learning that can be identified in the preparation stage, no credit can be claimed for time spent with VCMC residents.

### Activities Eligible for Learning from Teaching CME Credit

Many activities relate to faculty learning from the teaching role. These can include, but are not limited to:

- Supervising clinical or simulated activities
- Teaching clinical or other skills
- Lecture to Residents
- Mentoring
- Faculty Development Activities
- Core Conference Presentations
Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationships
All physician-faculty must complete or verify that they have a required VCMC CME Department Disclosure form on file. This form covers each 12-month period and must include their spouse/partner. This disclosure may be submitted once a year to be updated if circumstances change.

Learning Resources
As an active learner, the educational material used must have been developed independent of any ACCME-defined commercial interest.

A commercial interest is any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.

Possible ways to ensure this are to utilize peer-reviewed materials in professional journals that follow the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts created by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors and/or accredited continuing medical education developed and presented in compliance with the ACCME® Standards for Commercial Support. Examples include APS Modules, Up To Date, USPSTF, ALSO Materials, ATLS Materials, etc.

How to get Credit
Physician-faculty should submit the Learning from Teaching CME Claim Form at the end of the calendar year or once they have completed 10 hours of learning. Physician-faculty will be awarded 2.00 credits for every 1 hour of learning up to a maximum of 10 hours of learning/20.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Submit by November 30th.