

AO NORTH AMERICA CME ADVISORY BOARD (CMEAB)

The AO North America CME Advisory Board (CMEAB) consists of each of the chairmen of the specialty Education Committees as well as AONA CMED staff. It is responsible for assuring that there is consistency and compliance among all of the various certified CME activities that are produced by the specialty Education Committees. The CMEAB also provides an opportunity for the Chairs of the specialty Education Committees to share the issues faced by their committees, as well as common problems and best practices.

The AO North America CME Advisory Board reports to the AONA Executive Committee, and provides feedback to the Executive Committee about AONA compliance with ACCME, OIG, and FDA guidelines at its certified CME activities. The CMEAB also provides guidance to each specialty Education Committee and is responsible for assuring that:

- the ACCME Essential Areas and their Elements and the Standards for Commercial Support are being met
- AONA is in compliance with AMA, FDA, and OIG guidelines as they apply to certified CME activities
- the Mission Statement of AONA is congruent with that of the AO Foundation
- the Mission Statement of each specialty education committee is congruent with that of AONA
- Needs assessments and course evaluations are conducted and reviewed by each specialty education committee on an on-going basis
- Curriculum changes are based on established educational needs of the targeted audiences
- Each specialty education committee is monitoring the educational quality of their CME activities and addressing concerns as needed
- All courses and educational activities incorporate adult learning principles
- All activities meet the definition of CME
- All committees assure that recommendations involving clinical medicine in their courses are based on evidence that is accepted within the profession of medicine as adequate justification for their indications and contraindications in the care of patients
- All committees assure that all scientific research referred to, reported or used in their CME activities in support or justification of a patient care recommendation must conform to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis.
- Goals of each specialty education committee are periodically reviewed.

The CMEAB consists of.

- Chairman, North American Craniomaxillofacial Education Committee
- Chairman, North American Musculoskeletal Trauma Education Committee
- Chairman, North American Spine Education Committee
- Chairman, North American Veterinary Education Committee
- Chairman, AO Education Steering Board (of the AO Foundation)
- President, AO North America
- CMEAB Chairman (elected by the CMEAB to a 4-year term)

Ex officio, non-voting members include representatives from AO North America CME staff:

- Director of CME
- CME Department Director

The CMEAB elects a Chairman who serves a four-year term. The Chairman reports directly to the AONA President and the AONA Executive Committee. The Board meets a minimum of twice each year.