



## Alliance for Continuing Medical Education

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Dear Alliance Member,

Today, we learned that the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation has compiled a report that addresses issues surrounding "Continuing Education in the Health Profession." The organization's summary of the report includes recommendations regarding such complex CME community issues as funding methods, accreditation, professional collaboration and individual professional responsibilities, among others.

While recognizing the importance of dealing with such controversial subjects, the Alliance for CME did not participate in the development of this report nor did it cooperate in any way with designing the report's findings. This report reflects the individual views of a selected number of people who conducted a two and a half day session out of the country last fall. The recommendations presented in the report deal with controversial issues that the Alliance for CME has been discussing for some time and continues to debate. Publication of this report with recommendations from the conference proceedings does not reflect the views and/or position of the Alliance for CME. The report includes broad generalizations of divisive issues that have not been vetted and we believe may not be in the best interests of the CME community at large.

We have contacted the Chief Operating Officer of the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation to communicate our position, and he has agreed to delete the reference to the Alliance for CME in the final printed report. We also have shared our views with Dr. Murray Kopelow at the ACCME so there is a clear understanding that the Alliance for CME has neither endorsed nor condoned the recommendations of the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation report.

The Alliance for CME is dedicated to the integrity of the professional medical community and the continual enhancement of quality patient care. As such, we will continue to address and facilitate discussion of recognized industry issues with in-depth thought and careful deliberation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Ann Capizzi".

Sue Ann Capizzi, MBA  
President, Alliance for CME