



Alliance for  
Continuing Education  
in the Health Professions

Dear ACEhp Members:

Over the past month, JAMA and US News and World Report published two op/ed pieces questioning the value, effectiveness, funding of certified continuing education and continuing medical education (CE/CME). Although we are respectful of varying opinions and interpretations of the CE/CME environment, we respectfully disagree. Both op/eds contained interpretation of information and facts that misrepresent the work that each of us is engaged in every day - improving healthcare in this country through high-quality CE/CME.

If you have not seen these publications, the links below will take you to each op/ed.

[JAMA](#)  
[USNews](#)

**Alliance Response:**

ACEhp has sent each publication the following letters:

[JAMA](#)  
[USNews](#)

We are hopeful that they will publish our responses, expressing the views that more accurately represent our community and the impact we have on the healthcare system. As we discussed at our January 2015 Annual Conference, one of our primary goals is to educate internal and external stakeholders on the value of CE/CME. Our response is to educate others about the critical work we do as professional healthcare educators, describe the effective outcomes our programs have on professional development each week in the healthcare system we operate and reflect the overall value and impact of CE/CME.

ACEhp is committed to and will continue to work proactively to advocate on behalf of you, our members. We strongly encourage you to be active and educated about these articles and their inaccuracies. Use the Alliance's responses as a baseline for reinforcing accurate information and messaging to key stakeholders throughout your program and organizations on the great work we all do to improve patient care.

Best regards,

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