

## **Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry Continuing Education Policies and Procedures Regarding Scientific Content**

The Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC Continuing Professional Education is dedicated to ongoing learning in dentistry and related fields, and is committed to promoting and improving the knowledge of all oral health care providers as well as the health of all people through clinical and scientific courses and programs.

All CE instructors are required to develop and coordinate courses and programs with a solid scientific basis, to promote excellent training and the highest standards of oral health care. All course description, topics, objectives, itinerary and material lists need to be submitted and approved by CE office prior to activity. All CE instructors need to advise participants against potential risks to patients when using limited knowledge while integrating new techniques into their practice.

All clinical/technical courses must include information on the scientific basis of course material and an assessment of known risks and benefits; When courses present clinical/technical subject matter about which scientific evidence is limited or uncertain, the course must include the level of scientific information that is available and any known risks and benefits.

The information presented in CE courses needs to be supported by science accepted by the profession. In instances where scientific evidence is limited or uncertain, CE instructors must include information regarding the level or limitations of scientific evidence that is available. CE Instructors should also include information on any known risks or benefits related to the subject matter.