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WELCOME

Welcome from the Director

As we enter the final stretch of summer, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued engagement with UW CME. Your commitment to lifelong learning and clinical excellence is what drives us to continually innovate, expand access, and improve the quality of our programming.

August is a pivotal month for our office—we're preparing for several flagship conferences, supporting new interprofessional learning initiatives, and monitoring participation trends that will shape our 2026 planning. We're especially encouraged by the growth in virtual and hybrid participation, which has allowed us to reach more learners across the WWAMI region and beyond.

This month, I encourage you to explore our upcoming activities, especially the **53rd Annual Advances in Family Medicine & Primary Care Conference**, happening in September. With over 35 CME credits available and a robust in-person and online format, it reflects our shared goal of creating inclusive, practical education that meets clinicians where they are.

Thank you for being part of our CME community. Your input, enthusiasm, and feedback are what keep our programs thriving.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Please join us in thanking Riley Moore for his nearly one year of service with the CME Office as our Budget/Fiscal Analyst. Riley's attention to detail, professionalism, and collaborative spirit have been instrumental in supporting the financial operations of our programs.

While we're sad to see him leave our team, we're thrilled to share that he's accepted a new role at the UW School of Pharmacy. We're grateful that he'll continue to be a vital part of the University of Washington community, and we wish him all the best in this exciting next chapter!

Thank you, Riley!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Emergency Radiology 2025: Critical Moments, Clear Images

Held at the University of Washington, **Emergency Radiology 2025** brought together radiologists, emergency medicine professionals, and allied health providers for a dynamic three-day in-person conference focused on trauma imaging, acute pathology, and emergent diagnostic strategies.


Who Attended

This year's conference welcomed a multidisciplinary group of professionals:

- **Physicians (MD/DO):** 15
- **Advanced Practice Clinicians (NP, PA):** 4
- **RN/LPNs:** 3
- **Students & Others:** 3

Attendees joined from across the U.S. and internationally, including:

- **Washington State**
- **California**
- **New South Wales, Australia**
- **Alaska, Ohio, and New Jersey**

 **What Participants Asked** Attendees posed insightful questions and shared reflections, such as:

- "Should CTA be considered in cervical spine fractures to assess for vascular injury?"
- "What are the pitfalls in pediatric trauma interpretation?"
- "How do we report vascular variants in acute stroke cases?"

Impact

- 85% of participants reported achieving their personal learning objectives.
- 65% strongly agreed the CME activity was relevant to their practice.

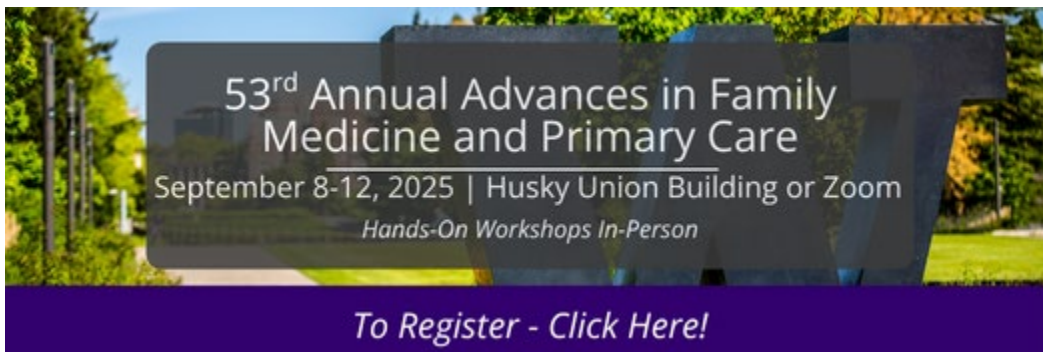
Dual Energy CT Workshop Kicks Off Conference with High Engagement

Day One of the Emergency Radiology conference featured a standout **Hands-On Dual Energy CT (DECT) Workshop**, offering participants an immersive learning experience. Attendees explored the clinical utility of DECT in trauma and emergency settings through interactive case reviews and guided image interpretation. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with participants reporting increased confidence and satisfaction with the workshop's relevance and clarity.

Emergency Radiology 2025 honored the fast-paced, high-stakes nature of emergency care with concise, high-yield sessions and hands-on workshops—empowering providers to deliver rapid, accurate diagnoses when every second counts.

UPCOMING CME COURSES

- [53rd Annual Advances in Family Medicine and Primary Care](#) | September 8 – 12, 2025 | Husky Union Building or Zoom Webinar (Hybrid)



- [16th Annual Comprehensive Hematology & Oncology Review Course](#) | October 6 – 10, 2025 | Bell Harbor International Conference Center (In-Person)
- [Updates in Hospital Medicine 2025](#) | October 16 - 17, 2025 | Virtual via Zoom Webinar
- [10th Annual Lead Management Update Symposium](#) | October 18, 2025 | South Lake Union Campus (In-Person)
- [2nd Interstitial Lung Disease Summit for Primary Care](#) | November 8, 2025 | South Lake Union Campus (In-Person)

Explore Our Offerings:

Visit our [CME Portal](#) for a full list of upcoming courses and registration details

DEPARTMENT COURSE HIGHLIGHT

Upcoming CME Opportunity:

Care of Hospitalized Patients with Substance Use Disorders

Join the UW Substance Use, Research, and Education (SURE) Unit for a free CME event on October 3, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the R&T Auditorium. This session will explore key topics including screening and diagnosis of SUDs, stigma reduction, transitions of care, and treatment strategies for opioid and alcohol use disorders. For more information, contact Stephanie Santos at santoss2@uw.edu. [LINK TO FLYER](#)

ACCREDITATION CORNER

Employment/Ownership of Ineligible Company

If someone involved in an accredited activity is an owner or employee of an ineligible company (a company that makes or sells healthcare products used on patients), there are limited ways in which they can participate. This is because their financial ties could create bias. The typical Peer Review process does not apply for these relationships.

However, ACCME allows three exceptions where owners or employees can be involved:

1. Unrelated Content: If the activity has nothing to do with the company's products or business, the person may participate.

Example: Let's say a speaker is an employee of a company that manufactures asthma inhalers. If they're presenting at an accredited activity about lung cancer screening protocols, that topic is considered unrelated to their company's products—because it doesn't involve asthma treatment or inhalers.

The key is that the content must not touch on the company's products, services, or areas of business.

2. Basic Science Research: If the activity focuses only on early-stage research (ex: lab studies or drug discovery) and doesn't include treatment recommendations. Ex: Any research before it is used on a human being.
3. Device Training: If the person is teaching how to safely use a medical device—without suggesting when or whether to use it—they can be included.

These rules help ensure that the University of Washington accredited activities stay fair, unbiased, and clinically valid. [Here](#) is more information about the Conflict of Interest process.

OFFICE OF FACULTY AFFAIRS

Peer to Peer Program – 2025 Virtual Training Opportunity

The Peer-to-Peer Program training for Peer Supporters explores challenges within healthcare that impact the well-being of our healthcare team members who have experienced a critical incident, an unanticipated outcome, burnout, or micro / macro aggressions within the workplace. Supporters learn the skills to run a one on one emotional debrief including active listening skills, and emotional regulation. The training leverages a number of case studies to support interactive learning.

Date: October 8, 2025 | **Location:** Online via Zoom | [More info & applications](#)

TRIVIA: DID YOU KNOW?

How many years of accreditation experience combined do you think the CME staff has?

Check out next month's newsletter for the answer!

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