Medicine Responds to Addiction: Implementing Physician Training

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Conflict of Interest

- No conflicts to report
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Objectives

• What is accreditation?
• How did we get here?
• What is in the black box (ACGME)?
• What is an accreditation status?
What is Accreditation?

It is not Certification.

**Programs** receive accreditation:
ACGME

**Individuals** receive certification
Certifying boards
Accreditation

“GME programs are accredited when they are judged to be in substantial compliance with the Essentials of Accredited Residencies in Graduate Medical Education.”
How Did We Get Here?

First residency
91 yrs

Single Accreditation
CLER
NAS
ACGME-I
Milestones Project
JGME
Outcomes Project
ACGME independent

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Evolution of the ACGME over 36 Years


First residency
First RRC
ACGME established
ACGME independent

2003 Duty Hours
2004 Duty Hours

2011 Duty Hours

2014 Duty Hours studies in Medicine and Surgery

2017/2018 Common Program Revisions: Phase I & II

Single Accreditation
CLER NAS
ACGME-I
Milestones Project
JGME
Outcomes Project
CPR Revision

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The ACGME

Board of Directors

- 2 AACOM nominees (4 by of 2020)
- 4 AAMC nominees
- 4 ABMS nominees
- 4 AHA nominees
- 4 AMA nominees
- 2 AOA nominees (4 by of 2020)
- 4 CMSS nominees
- 1-4 ‘at-large’ directors
- 3 public directors
- Chair Council of Review Committee Chairs
- Chair Council of Review Committee Residents
- At-large resident
- 2 Federal representatives (ex officio)
Structure of the ACGME

Accreditation Council (BOD)
- Executive Committee
- Governance
- ByLaws
- Journal Oversight
- Awards Committee

(Ad Hoc) Appeals Committees

Monitoring Committee

Requirements Committee

Council of Review Committee Chairs

Institutional Review Committee
- Transitional Year Review Committee
- Specialty Review Committee
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ACGME Governance

Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Audit
Education
Journal

Awards
Governance
Monitoring

Compensation
Finance
Requirements

CRCC
CRCR
CPM

ad hoc
Appeals
Panels
ACGME Mission

“We improve health care and population health by assessing and advancing the quality of resident physicians’ education through accreditation.”
Board vs. Review Committees

- Board sets policy and direction
- Board is responsible for accreditation
- Board delegates authority to accredit programs/institutions to its Review Committees
- Board monitors Review Committees
- Board sets budget and fees
Review Committees

29 Review Committees/1 Recognition
- 26 Specialty/Subspecialty Committees
- 1 Transitional Year Committee
- 1 Osteopathic NMM Committee
- 1 Institutional Review Committee
- 1 Osteopathic Principles Committee

Addiction Medicine is *Multidisciplinary*
Many Specialties - One Structure

- Common process
- Common policies
- Common site visits
- Common data system
- Common standard with specialty-specific modifications
Review Committees

- Members are your peers
  - Specialists and subspecialists
- Six year terms, nominated by
  - ABMS Board
  - AMA and AOA
  - Specialty Society/College
- Resident physicians have two year term
  - From resident or PD societies
- Public non-MD member

- Approved by ACGME Board
Review Committees

- Meet 2-3 times a year
- Responsibilities
  - Program reviews
  - Program requirements
- ACGME Staff:
  - Executive Director
  - Associate Executive Director
  - Senior Accreditation Administrator
  - Accreditation Administrator
  - Accreditation Assistant
RC Staff – call them as often as you need to

A nasty rumor:
“Never call the ACGME, they will put you on a list and target you for increased and detailed review.”

Staff members are the content experts – who better to answer your questions.
ACGME Website
Applications

- Pay attention to details
  - Ask if you do not understand
- Pay attention to closing dates
- Submit an application that really shows us what your program is all about
Possible Accreditation Status

• Initial Accreditation
• Continued accreditation
• Continued accreditation without outcomes
• Continued accreditation with warning
• Probationary accreditation
• Withdrawal accreditation

• (Administrative withdrawal) rare
• (Egregious violation) rare
New Programs Must Comply with Core and Detailed Requirements

Application for New Program → Initial Accreditation (2 years) → Continued Accreditation

STANDARDS
Outcomes
Core Process
Detail Process

Outcomes
Core Process
Detail Process

Outcomes
Core Process
Detail Process

Outcomes
Core Process
Detail Process

Withhold Accreditation

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Thank You

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