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Specialty Update: Ophthalmology

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Talking Points

- **Review Committee – Who/What/When**
- **Programs by the Numbers**
- **Review Committee News**
- **Major Revision of the Program Requirements for Ophthalmology**
- **Accreditation Data System (ADS) and Other Tips**
- **ACGME News**
- **Open Dialogue with the Review Committee**

Review Committee – Who/What/When

Review Committee Membership

- **All volunteers**
- **Diversity valued (e.g., gender, geography, subspecialty)**
- **10 members nominated by ABO, AAO, AMA, and AOA (six-year term)**
- **One resident member (two-year term)**
- **One public member (six-year term)**
- **Two ex-officio members from ABO and AOA**



Review Committee Voting Members

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Review Committee Meetings

Three Meetings per Calendar Year

Upcoming Meetings

April 11-12, 2024

August 23, 2024*

January 16-17, 2025

****short virtual meeting to review permanent complement increase requests and any other pressing matters***

acgme.org > [Specialties](#) > [Ophthalmology \(Scroll Down\)](#) > [Review Committee Dates](#)

Review Committee Meetings Reminder

- Meeting agenda closes about **two months** before meeting
- **Permanent** complement increase requests must be submitted by the **designated institutional official (DIO)** by agenda closing date to make the next meeting



Programs by the Numbers

Ophthalmology Programs

Accreditation Status	Count
Initial Accreditation	2
Initial Accreditation with Warning	3
Continued Accreditation without Outcomes	4
Continued Accreditation	113
Continued Accreditation with Warning	3
TOTAL	125

Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery:

Four programs with Continued Accreditation

Review Committee News

ACGME Surveys

- **Surveys open until April 7**
- **No changes** to the survey process—program leadership will notify residents/fellows and faculty members about the survey via ADS
- Results available in early May

Resident Survey

- 2024: No changes to the ophthalmology-specific items
- 2025: Topics will be streamlined
 - Reduce burden
 - Improve data for programs and Review Committee

ACGME Resident Survey: Items Often Rated Low

- Education in contact lenses, refractive surgery, and low vision
- Instruction on physical and emotional well-being
- Access to confidential mental health treatment
- Faculty discussion of cost awareness in patient care decisions
- Participation in safety event investigation and analysis
- Work hours (especially 80 hours and one day free in seven)

Resident Survey

Interested in seeing how your program compares to all ophthalmology programs on the ophthalmology-specific items?


Aggregate Program Data is available on the ADS Survey Reports page:
Specialty > Page 3

Resident/Fellow and Faculty Survey Reports

Choose an **Academic Year** and **Program** then click **View Reports**. If available, you will see a **Reports** button for the listed survey type. Report data is aggregated by program, specialty and the nation as a whole. If your program did not participate for the selected academic year, or the report type was not yet being generated, they may be unavailable. Data in downloadable Excel format started to become available in the 2015-2016 academic year.

These reports are confidential and not for external distribution or publication.

Academic Year: 2022-2023 Program: 2400121015 - Ophthalmology View Reports

Report Type - Aggregated by Program	Resident/Fellow	Faculty
Resident/Fellow and Faculty Survey	Reports ▾	Reports ▾
Well-being Survey	Reports ▾ Program [PDF] Program [Excel] Specialty [PDF]  Specialty [Excel] National	Reports ▾

2022-2023 ACGME Resident/Fellow Survey - page 6
240 Ophthalmology - Aggregated Program Data
Survey taken: February 2023 - April 2023
Residents Responded: 1463

Specialty Specific Questions

NA. Unable to evaluate or not applicable for my year of training
1. Absent or weekly inadequate
2. Weak and barely adequate
3. Some weak spots but overall adequate
4. Strong with a few minor deficiencies
5. Excellent across the board

Rate the overall quality of your training in each of the following areas:	Didactics					Clinical								
	1	2	3	4	5	NA	Avg.	1	2	3	4	5	NA	Avg.
Lid, orbital disease and oculoplastic surgery	1.2%	3.3%	10.2%	23.6%	61.3%	0.5%	4.4	1.4%	2.7%	8.1%	20.4%	65.8%	1.6%	4.5
Neuro-ophthalmology	1.0%	2.3%	7.0%	19.4%	70.1%	0.2%	4.6	1.2%	2.1%	6.6%	18.3%	69.5%	2.4%	4.6
Cornea and external disease	1.2%	4.2%	11.6%	23.9%	58.4%	0.5%	4.3	1.2%	3.6%	11.4%	22.8%	58.4%	2.5%	4.4
Cataract surgery	1.7%	3.4%	9.6%	20.4%	60.8%	4.1%	4.4	0.8%	2.3%	6.0%	15.2%	67.9%	7.8%	4.6
Vitreous-retinal diseases	0.6%	1.7%	6.1%	20.6%	68.6%	0.5%	4.6	0.4%	1.9%	6.2%	19.6%	70.2%	1.6%	4.6
Pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus	1.4%	2.0%	10.0%	22.3%	61.9%	1.4%	4.4	1.0%	1.1%	7.5%	20.0%	65.0%	5.3%	4.6
Glaucoma	0.7%	2.4%	9.2%	22.0%	65.2%	0.5%	4.5	0.6%	2.0%	7.5%	19.5%	68.0%	1.5%	4.6
Pathology	2.6%	5.4%	13.9%	19.6%	57.9%	0.6%	4.3	5.1%	6.4%	14.4%	16.6%	44.8%	12.9%	4.0
Eye and systemic disease	1.6%	2.7%	12.4%	22.1%	59.7%	1.4%	4.4	0.6%	1.4%	9.4%	22.3%	63.6%	2.7%	4.5
Uveitis	1.4%	3.5%	10.1%	21.8%	63.0%	0.3%	4.4	1.0%	2.3%	9.2%	23.0%	63.1%	1.6%	4.5
Optics and general refraction	6.4%	9.3%	16.9%	23.4%	43.4%	0.5%	3.9	4.4%	7.8%	18.7%	24.3%	42.1%	2.7%	3.9
Ocular trauma	1.0%	2.8%	10.1%	21.3%	63.8%	0.9%	4.5	0.4%	1.1%	5.1%	16.1%	76.9%	0.4%	4.7
Contact lenses	8.9%	10.6%	19.7%	22.9%	34.3%	3.7%	3.7	8.6%	12.1%	20.2%	19.2%	31.5%	8.4%	3.8
Low vision	6.2%	7.7%	20.0%	21.6%	40.3%	4.0%	3.9	6.3%	8.8%	19.1%	19.5%	30.3%	7.0%	3.8
Refractive surgery	6.6%	8.3%	18.5%	20.9%	41.5%	4.2%	3.9	7.9%	10.8%	17.2%	18.6%	36.2%	9.3%	3.7

Rate the overall quality of your training in medical ethics and socio-economic issues.

1	2	3	4	5	NA	Avg.
1.1%	3.6%	15.6%	27.5%	52.2%	4.3	4.3

Case Log Updates

- Glaucoma
 - Now **two** glaucoma categories
 - Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS) — minimum of 5 (S only)
 - Tube Shunts and Trabeculectomy — minimum of 5 (S+A)
 - Glaucoma minimums in effect for 2024 graduates; **enforced beginning with 2025 graduates**
- Entry of Case ID now optional

Case Log Updates

- Some CPT codes can be batch entered for a single day
 - Cataract (5)
 - YAG capsulotomy (5)
 - Laser trabeculoplasty (5)
 - Panretinal laser photocoagulation (5)
 - Intravitreal injection (10)

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Case Log Updates

- Definition of Assistant revised
 - To be recorded as "Assistant," the resident must serve as the first assistant to a faculty member performing the procedure or to another resident performing the procedure under faculty member supervision. **Residents may log Assistant if they observe a case through the microscope and are actively engaged in the case (e.g., observing the surgeon's hands, noting how the surgeon counsels the patient, studying how the surgeon keeps the patient stabilized).** Only one resident can claim credit as Assistant on a given procedure.

Case Log Minimums

- Review Committee continues to review Case Log data to update and modernize minimums
- Categories where likely to see updates next
 - Cataracts
 - Intravitreal injections
- Ensure residents are regularly and accurately logging their experiences to help the Review Committee make data-driven decisions

Case Log Reminder

Please read [Case Log Information](#) on the Documents and Resources page of the Ophthalmology section of the ACGME website.

The screenshot shows the ACGME website's Ophthalmology section. The header includes the title 'Ophthalmology' and a sub-section 'Specialties'. Below this is a navigation bar with links for 'Overview', 'Program Requirements and FAQs and Applications', 'Milestones', 'Documents and Resources', and 'Review Committee Members'. The main content area is titled 'Documents' and features a grid of document links. A red arrow points to the link 'Ophthalmology Case Log Information'. Other links include 'Block Diagram: Instructions for Ophthalmology Residency and Fellowship Programs', 'Case Log Statistical Reports', 'Requests for Changes in Resident/Fellow Complement', and 'Resident Member Solicitation'. Social media sharing icons are visible on the left side of the 'Documents' section.

Faculty Qualifications

Faculty members educated and trained outside of the United States

- The Review Committee expects faculty members to participate in the American Board of Ophthalmology (ABO)'s Internationally Trained Ophthalmologists program **once eligible**
 - Review Committee understands this takes several years
- Until certified, the Review Committee must approve such faculty members' qualifications
 - [Ophthalmology FAQs](#) have instructions on requesting Review Committee review of qualifications
 - If approved, the Review Committee will ask for an update from the program once the faculty member is eligible for ABO certification

Program Changes

- The following changes are submitted in ADS:
 - **Complement**
 - **Program Director**
 - **Participating Site**
 - Sites must be added if at least one month and a required experience for all residents/fellows
 - However, *can* add other sites and it helps Review Committee understand resident/fellow experience
- **All three changes require Review Committee approval!**

Program Changes

- Review Committee carefully reviews all changes submitted in ADS to ensure they benefit resident/fellow education
- On behalf of the Review Committee staff: **PLEASE** enter **all** requested information **completely** and **accurately**
- Reach out to ADS@acgme.org with questions

Complement Increases

- Temporary complement increase request:
 - **Up to 90 days:** Do not need to submit request in ADS - **NEW!**
 - **Over 90 days,** submit if:
 - Residency: over approved total or within a year (e.g., PGY-3)
 - Fellowships: over total complement

Permanent Complement Increase Request

- Sound educational rationale: outline how increase will benefit resident/fellow education
- Sufficient patient/procedural volume both Case Log minimums met and institutional procedural data
- Favorable learning environment
- Use **color** to identify changes in proposed block diagram
- Detailed instructions available at [acgme.org](https://www.acgme.org) > Specialties > Ophthalmology > [Documents and Resources](#)

New Programs and Permanent Complement Increases

- If approved, the number of residents/fellows is expected to rollout **year by year** until the full complement is reached
- The Review Committee considers requests for a first- and second-year resident or fellow to start the initial year of approval
- Look at the FAQs!
- Questions? Contact Review Committee staff members

Major Revision of the Program Requirements for Ophthalmology

Program Requirements for Ophthalmology

ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Ophthalmology

Common Program Requirements (Residency) are in BOLD

Where applicable, text in italics describes the underlying philosophy of the requirements in that section. These philosophic statements are not program requirements and are therefore not citable.

Introduction

Int.A. *Graduate medical education is the crucial step of professional development between medical school and autonomous clinical practice. It is in this vital phase of the continuum of medical education that residents learn to provide optimal patient care under the supervision of faculty members who not only instruct, but serve as role models of excellence, compassion, professionalism, and scholarship.*

Graduate medical education transforms medical students into physician scholars who care for the patient, family, and a diverse community; create and integrate new knowledge into practice; and educate future generations of physicians to serve the public. Practice patterns established during graduate medical education persist many years later.

Graduate medical education has as a core tenet the graded authority and responsibility for patient care. The care of patients is undertaken with appropriate faculty supervision and conditional independence, allowing residents to attain the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and empathy required for autonomous practice. Graduate medical education develops physicians who focus on excellence in delivery of safe, equitable, affordable, quality care; and the health of the populations they serve. Graduate medical education values the strength that a diverse group of physicians brings to medical care.

Graduate medical education occurs in clinical settings that establish the foundation for practice-based and lifelong learning. The professional development of the physician, begun in medical school, continues through faculty modeling of the effacement of self-interest in a humanistic environment that emphasizes joy in curiosity, problem-solving, academic rigor, and discovery. This transformation is often physically, emotionally, and intellectually demanding and occurs in a variety of clinical learning environments committed to graduate medical education and the well-being of patients, residents, fellows, faculty members, students, and all members of the health care team.

- Due for a major revision
- Every 10 years

The Challenge

Review Committee needs to set standards to prepare ophthalmologists for practice for the next **30 years** while recognizing that the future is marked with significant uncertainty

Shaping GME

- New process for Program Requirements revision
- Looks to the future of ophthalmology
- Includes variety of stakeholders



Shaping GME: Writing Group

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Shaping GME: Scenario Planning

- 35 ophthalmologists and others (residents, non-ophthalmology physicians)
- Grouped into four “alternative future worlds”
- Identified common strategies for providing high-quality ophthalmology care across two or more future worlds



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Shaping GME: Other Activities

- Literature Review
- Medical market research firm held one-on-one interviews with:
 - Channel influencers
 - Early career ophthalmologists
 - Patients with recent eye care experiences
- Presentation by Dr. William McDade, ACGME chief diversity, equity, and inclusion officer
 - Learned how Program Requirements can promote equity in learning environments and help reduce health care inequities
- American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) presentation and dialogue

Shaping GME: Bringing Together What was Learned

- Using all this information, Writing Group drafted:
 - **Proposed definition** of an ophthalmologist
 - Future of ophthalmology education **themes**



Future Ophthalmology Residency Education and Training Themes

1. The Learning Process
2. Patient Care and Outcomes
3. Emerging Technologies
4. Leadership
5. Well-Being
6. Working in Systems
7. Addressing the Community

1. The Learning Process

This theme concentrates on aspects of the educational methods, environment, and structures that will allow ophthalmologists to thrive in the future.

Ophthalmology residency programs will:

- Provide rigorous training and assessment of competencies in all domains in comprehensive ophthalmology.
- Programs may provide individualized flexibility for exploration of subspecialty focus, including medical or surgical emphasis.
- Support time-variable training and personal needs of the resident.
- Partner with residents to create self-directed learning plans, including virtual and asynchronous education, that continuously incorporate constructive feedback.
- Provide training for core faculty members to achieve competence in teaching.
- Provide dedicated time for core faculty members to teach and foster supportive learning environments for residents from diverse backgrounds.
- Create strong mentorship programs for residents and faculty members.

2. Patient Care and Outcomes

This theme relates to areas of focus and concentration that will allow for the best quality evidence-based health care.

Ophthalmology residency programs will:

- Deliver training in health care improvement science and data analytics to enhance population health, continuity of care, patient safety, and practice outcomes.
- Provide longitudinal training to improve empathy and communication with patients and their families/caregivers, including how to have difficult conversations, disclose serious diagnoses, respond to emotions, and navigate discussions regarding poor or unexpected surgical outcomes.

3. Emerging Technologies

This theme conveys the effect of applying new tools in the educational environment to ensure that learners are prepared to practice in state-of-the-art facilities.

Ophthalmology residency programs will:

- Provide training in the utilization and critical evaluation of emerging technologies, including:
 - telemedicine, electronic health records, and the use of data standards;
 - benefits, limitations, and ethical implications of artificial intelligence; and,
 - application of biostatistics/informatics and implementation of science and cybersecurity.
- Provide the education and resources for residents to develop the skills necessary to implement novel therapies during their residency and beyond.

4. Leadership

This theme addresses that as leaders of the eye care team, ophthalmologists need formal leadership training and training in interdisciplinary teams and teaming.

Ophthalmology residency programs will:

- Provide structured training in leadership and communication within inter- and intra-professional teams (that may include technicians, orthoptists, optometrists, nurses, physician assistants, and other professionals) in a variety of practice settings and contexts, including high-volume care.

5. Well-Being

This theme addresses the recognition that physician well-being is integral to ensuring access to physicians for all patients.

Ophthalmology residency programs will:

- Support a culture of well-being for faculty members and residents.
- Provide instruction to faculty members and residents on how to access and utilize institutional well-being and mental-health resources.
- Foster strategies that promote resilience when receiving and incorporating feedback from multiple sources.
- Balance the flexibility of asynchronous and virtual experiences with the well-being benefits of in person shared experiences of residents.

6. Working in Systems

This theme underscores that ophthalmologists do not work alone; they practice in complex health care systems and teams.

Ophthalmology residency programs will:

- Train residents to be strong advocates for their patients and profession during interactions with institutions, payors, and governmental entities.
- Provide residents with didactic education and clinical experience in systemically promoting safety and efficiency in surgical and clinical care, including accurate documentation.
- Provide clinical experience with increasing patient volume and complexity to prepare for independent practice.
- Provide residents with resources to learn about policy development, ethics, health care economics, waste reduction, and the business of medicine, including practice management, entrepreneurship, payment policy, and personal finance.
- Emphasize values that promote patient and societal needs over individual practitioner autonomy.

7. Addressing the Community

This theme addresses that it is imperative that ophthalmologists are prepared to practice in a diversifying society wherein they will be able to meet the needs of all patients.

Ophthalmology residency programs will:

- Provide experience working in diverse practice contexts, including academic and community settings to gain knowledge of care delivery models.
- Engage with the local community to provide equitable access to care.
- Ensure that faculty members serve as role models for care of vulnerable patient populations.
- Collaborate with surrounding communities to engage in providing exposure to ophthalmology with the goal of diversifying the ophthalmology workforce and understanding the communities within which ophthalmologists provide care.



Shaping GME: Themes and Insights

- Proposed definition and themes posted for public comment (deadline was January 3, 2024)
- 39 comments
- **Thank you for the feedback!**



Shaping GME: Stakeholder Summit

- Stakeholder Summit held on January 13, 2024
- Goal: Gain additional insight on key issues identified through previous work
- Topics
 - Procedural education and training
 - PGY-1 experience
 - Business of medicine/health economics
 - Competency-based medical education (CBME) and length of education and training
 - Scholarly activity and quality improvement
 - Communication

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What Comes Next?

Timeline	Activity
Spring/Summer 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program Requirements for Ophthalmology revised• Proposed revisions posted for review and comment (45 days)
Early Fall 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comments reviewed• Review Committee finalizes proposed revisions
Late Fall 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACGME Board of Directors subcommittee reviews revisions and community feedback<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May ask for further revisions
February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACGME Board of Directors reviews and approves revisions
July 1, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program Requirements effective date

Final Reminder

- 45-day review and comment period in a few months
- Announced in the ACGME's *e-Communication*
 - If you do not receive this weekly update, email: acgmecommunications@acgme.org
 - acgme.org > Programs and Institutions > Review and Comment > scroll down **OR** search "Review and Comment" > scroll down
- **We welcome your feedback!**

ADS and Other Tips

Annual Program Review



ADS Annual Update

- Late summer/early fall each year
- **Very** important to provide complete and accurate program information during the annual update
- The information entered provides key information to the Review Committee that may be used during the annual program review
- ACGME continues efforts to make the Annual Update easier to complete

Block Diagrams - Required

Ophthalmology

 Specialties

The documents and resources in this section are provided by the Review Committee for Ophthalmology for ACGME-accredited programs and those applying for accreditation.

[Overview](#)

[Program Requirements and FAQs and Applications](#)

[Milestones](#)

[Documents and Resources](#)

[Review Committee Members](#)

Documents



[Block Diagram: Instructions for Ophthalmology Residency and Fellowship Programs](#)



[Case Log Statistical Reports](#)

Block Diagrams

- **Representation** of program's rotation schedule
 - **Not** actual residents' schedules
- Ophthalmology-specific [Block Diagram Instructions](#) on the ACGME website
- Program's block diagram **must** include PGY-1
 - Both integrated **and** joint format programs
 - Include and label **all** PGY-1 rotations



Block Diagram Instructions Review Committee for Ophthalmology

A block diagram is a representation of the rotation schedule for a resident/fellow in a given post-graduate year. It offers information on the type, location, length, and variety of rotations for that year. When creating a block diagram, keep in mind:

- The block diagram shows the rotations a resident/fellow will have in a particular year of the educational program; it does not represent the order in which they occur.
- There should be only one block diagram for each year of education.
- The block diagram should not include resident/fellow names. The block diagram is not a resident/fellow schedule.
- Someone from outside of the institution should be able to look at a program's block diagrams and understand the educational experience of the residents/fellows.

Tips for Completing the Block Diagram

- Programs that have established the integrated or joint format **must** include a block diagram for the PGY-1 year.
- Identify sites by using the site numbers listed in the Accreditation Data System (ADS) Sites tab (1, 2, etc.).
- Within each year, group rotations by site. For example, list Site 1 rotations first, followed by Site 2 rotations, etc.
- Ensure the block diagram information matches the Participating Site information section of ADS. For example, if the participating site information in ADS indicates Year 1 residents spend three months at Site 2, the block diagram should show Year 1 residents are at Site 2 for three months.
- The "% Research" row in the block diagram is for **dedicated** research time **reserved** on a resident's/fellow's schedule.
- Rotation names should be as specific as possible and identify the **educational experience** (e.g., general ophthalmology, glaucoma, pediatric ophthalmology).
 - The rotation name must include more than the name of the site. For example, "VA" is an insufficient description of the educational experience, whereas "VA Comp Ophth" is acceptable.





Scholarly Activity

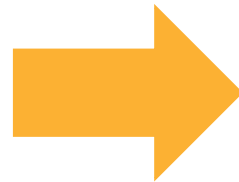
- **Goal:** An environment of inquiry that advances a scholarly approach to patient care
- **Faculty members** as a group must demonstrate scholarly activity
 - Variety of activities meet this requirement
 - Examples: grand rounds presentation, grant leadership, non-peer-reviewed resource, publication, book chapter, webinar, service on professional committee, journal reviewer
 - There must be some PMIDs over a five-year period
- **Residents** must participate in scholarly activities

Faculty Roster/Scholarly Activity

- If a **new** faculty member is listed in another roster at the institution, you can copy most of their information into your program's Faculty Roster in ADS
- Faculty members' scholarly activity can be copied from another program by using the "Copy" tool

Faculty Scholarly Activity

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If the other program has not entered data, or indicated "No Activity", there will be nothing to copy. If the faculty member is listed in a different program but the educational focus/role does not match, it will not be listed below.

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Faculty Certification

- American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and American Osteopathic Association (AOA) faculty certification data is now **automatically** populated in faculty profiles
- Programs are expected to review certification information and make corrections if needed
- **Manual** entry available for faculty members who recently completed residency/fellowship (“board eligible”), missing, incorrect, or other certification data
 - ***TIP:*** *If incorrect certification information, check NPI number using the “Search National Provider ID” link in ADS*

Supervision Policy

- Review Committee continues to see outdated supervision levels in Supervision Policies
- **Current** ACGME supervision levels outlined in Program Requirements VI.A.2.b).(1)-(3)
 - Direct Supervision definition revised and includes supervision via telecommunication technology
 - Indirect Supervision is no longer divided into “with direct supervision immediately available” and “with direct supervision available”
- Review program’s Supervision Policy and update if needed

Major Changes and Other Updates

Communicate to the Review Committee action plan and initial results regarding:



- Low ACGME Survey ratings
- Areas for Improvement (AFIs)
- Missed Case Log minimums

Program changes: rotations, faculty growth, brags

Program challenges: situation, actions taken, any results

Major Changes and Other Updates



Common Citations/AFIs

- Graduate achievement of the minimum procedural requirements
- Board exam performance
- From the Resident Survey:
 - Faculty interest in resident education
 - Education compromised by non-physician obligations
 - Process for dealing with problems/concerns
 - Health care disparities education

Responding to Citations

- Keep in mind the audience: physician GME leader who does not know your institution
- Be clear, concise and frank
- Demonstrate that you have gotten to the root of the non-compliant area
- Outline implemented action plan
- Describe verifiable outcomes (e.g., survey trending up, minimums met)
- If goals not met, explain why and outline next steps





ACGME News

ACGME Updates

- **Common Program Requirements** undergoing scheduled review
 - Reassessment of all aspects of the requirements, including but not limited to program director, coordinator, and faculty member time
 - Section VI (Well-Being, Work Hours, Professionalism, Culture of Safety, etc.)

ACGME Updates

- **Site Visits**
 - 10-Year Accreditation Site Visits officially discontinued
 - ACGME announced two percent of programs randomly chosen to undergo a site visit each year - **NEW!**
 - Only programs beyond the Initial Accreditation period
 - Chosen programs receive a Letter of Notification with an approximate date
 - Initial group of programs received notification in January
 - Site visits assess compliance with all Program Requirements

ACGME Updates

- **Site Visits**
 - Virtual versus in-person site visit format
 - ~25% are in person
 - In-person site visits for complex visits (e.g., complaint, probation)
 - Other in-person site visits randomly chosen
 - Site visit letter announcement identifies format

Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME)

- ABMS and ACGME have co-hosted four meetings to discuss CBME
- Representatives from Review Committee, American Board of Ophthalmology, and AOA
- Working on action plan for each specialty

CBME

What can programs do now?

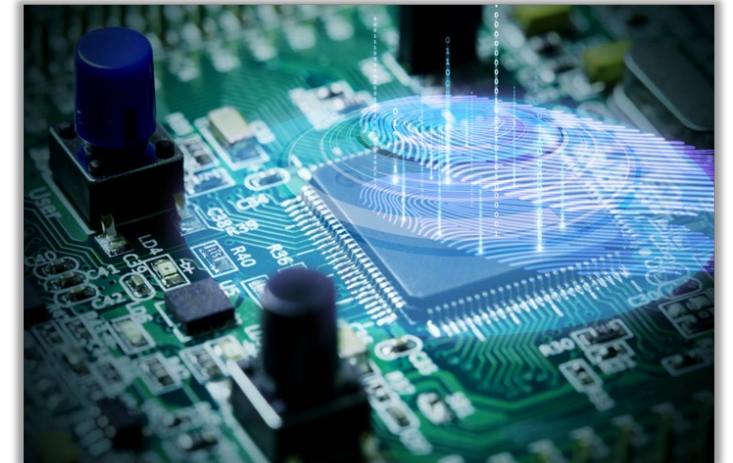
- Evaluate your program for trust and psychological safety
- Reframe residency assessment from “grading to “tool to achieve learner goals”
- Ensure rich in-the-moment feedback is happening between teacher and learner
- Capture some of this feedback if you can into the assessment system
- Use your semi-annual meetings to regroup with learners on their progress and delineate next steps

Medically Underserved Areas and Populations (MUAP)

- The ACGME seeks nominations for resident and senior clinical executive leader (e.g., chief executive officers, chief medical officers, chief nursing officers) representatives on the MUA/P Advisory Group
- Nominations open until March 17, 2024
- For more information: [MUA/P Advisory Group](#)

The ACGME's Digital Transformation

- The ACGME is actively working on a multi-year digital transformation project
- Improve ADS
- Establish a Modern Data Estate to improve analytics capabilities
- Create infrastructure for an outcomes-based accreditation model



STAY TUNED!

Learn at ACGME Resources

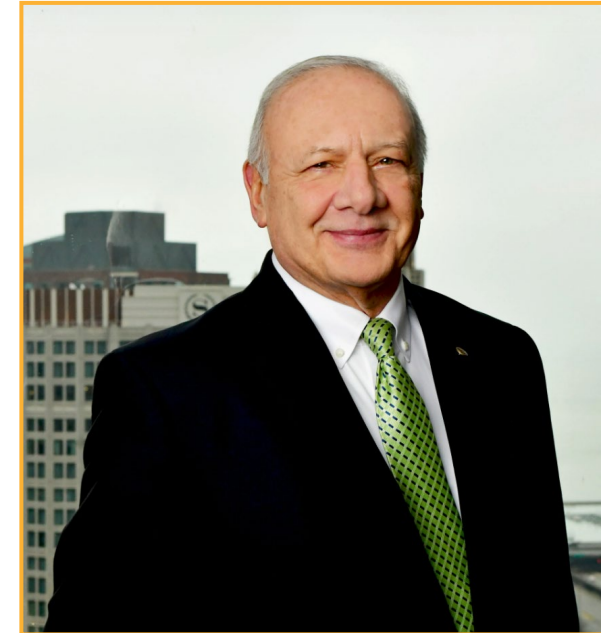
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources - *ACGME Equity Matters*[®]
 - CME Learning Path (modules structured for self-paced CME)
 - Equity Practice Toolkit
- ACGME Faculty Development Toolkit: Improving Assessment Using Direct Observation - **NEW!**
- 13 modules for creating custom workshops
 - 50 videos in a growing training library
 - Six workshops curated by ACGME experts

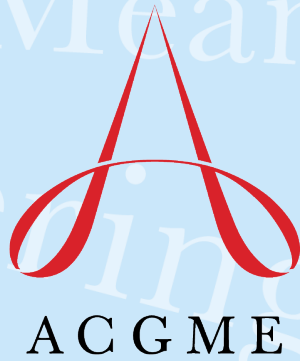
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ACGME Updates

Dr. Nasca stepping down January 1, 2025

- Dr. Nasca served as ACGME President and Chief Executive Officer for 17 years
- He will transition to leading the new ACGME Center for Professionalism and the Future of Medicine
- National search underway for a new President and CEO





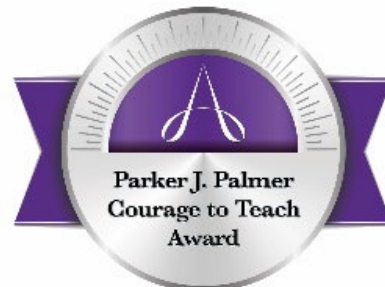
BACK TO BEDSIDE



- **Funding opportunity** for resident/fellow-led teams
- Builds deeper connections with patients

Scan the QR code for more information and to download the Request for Proposals.

DEADLINE: APRIL 22, 2024



The ACGME is now accepting nominations for the 2025 ACGME Awards.

**Deadline:
Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

For additional information and to download nomination materials:

<https://www.acgme.org/initiatives/awards/>

Where to Go for Help?

Review Committee Staff

Ophthalmology section of website >

Contact and Support

- Program Requirements
- Letters of Notification
- Complement requests
- Case Log *content*

Milestones Staff

milestones@acgme.org

- Milestones

ADS Staff

ADS@acgme.org

- ADS
- Surveys
- Case Log System – *technical support*

Field Activities Staff

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- Site Visit
- Self-Study



Open Dialogue with the Review Committee



Thank You!