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# The Single Accreditation System: Implications for Dermatology Programs

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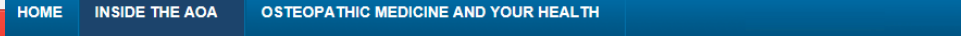
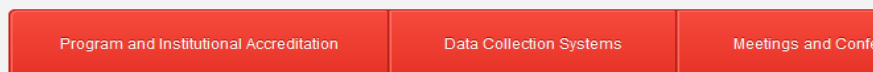
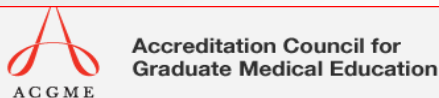
# Outline

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- Why are we doing this?
- Changes in governance and structure
- Background and Timeline
- Work of the RC-Dermatology
- Things to Consider...

# Today's Webinar

- Will provide *general* information re SAS, but the majority of content will be *specialty specific*.
- General webinar on the accreditation application process was done in early April and is available on ACGME and AOA's pages
- <http://www.acgme.org/acgmeweb/tabid/445/GraduateMedicalEducation/SingleAccreditationSystemforAOA-ApprovedPrograms.aspx>
- <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/single-gme-accreditation-system/Pages/webinars.aspx>



## Single Accreditation System for AOA-Approved Programs

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- Single GME Accreditation System
- Single GME Accreditation System Timeline
- Single GME FAQ: Timeline
- Single GME FAQ: Governance
- Single GME FAQ: Accreditation Processes
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When viewing webinar replays, we recommend that participants watch the Overall

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# Why Are We Doing This?

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## Osteopathic physicians:

- Licensed in every state
- Practice side by side with allopathic docs
- Training different; Credentialing is not

# Why Are We Doing This?

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One accreditation system transparent to:

- Federal government
- Licensing boards
- Credentials committees
- Public

# Why Are We Doing This?

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Consistent evaluation and accountability

- Eliminate unnecessary duplication
- Efficiencies and cost-savings in accreditation
- Enhanced opportunities for trainees



# SAS FAQs

## Frequently Asked Questions: Single Accreditation System Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)

*These FAQs address elements of the single accreditation system resulting from an agreement among ACGME, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM). Please refer to the [ACGME Glossary of Terms](#) for clarification on some of the terms used in this document.*

Question	Answer
<b>Benefits</b>	
What are the benefits of the single accreditation system?	<p>A single accreditation system will promote improved health and health care for the public by enhancing the education of the next generation of physicians.</p> <p>The single accreditation system is intended to achieve four significant benefits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Establish and maintain consistent evaluation and accountability for the competency of resident physicians across all accredited graduate medical education (GME) programs.</li><li>2. Eliminate duplication in GME accreditation.</li><li>3. Achieve efficiencies and cost savings for institutions currently sponsoring "dually" or "parallel" accredited allopathic and osteopathic programs.</li><li>4. Ensure all residency and fellowship applicants are eligible to enter all accredited programs in the United States, and can transfer from one accredited program to another without repeating training, and without causing the sponsoring institutions to lose Medicare funding. (See Appendix 1: Eligibility for Residency and Fellowship for additional detailed information.)</li></ol>
<b>Program Accreditation</b>	
How do programs approved by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) become ACGME-accredited?	<p>Under the terms of the agreement among the ACGME, the AOA, and AACOM, there are <a href="#">three pathways to ACGME accreditation</a>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Programs that are AOA-approved and have matriculated residents as of July 1, 2015, and that apply for ACGME accreditation between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2020, are eligible for "pre-accreditation status," may have AOA-certified faculty members, and may have co-program directors (one American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)-certified and one AOA-certified).</li><li>2. Programs that are AOA-approved as of July 1, 2015 with no matriculated residents as of that date, and that apply for ACGME accreditation between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2020, are eligible for "pre-accreditation status."</li><li>3. AOA-approved programs that do not meet the criteria in 1. or 2. above may apply at any time for ACGME accreditation, but will not benefit from the terms of the agreement.</li></ol>



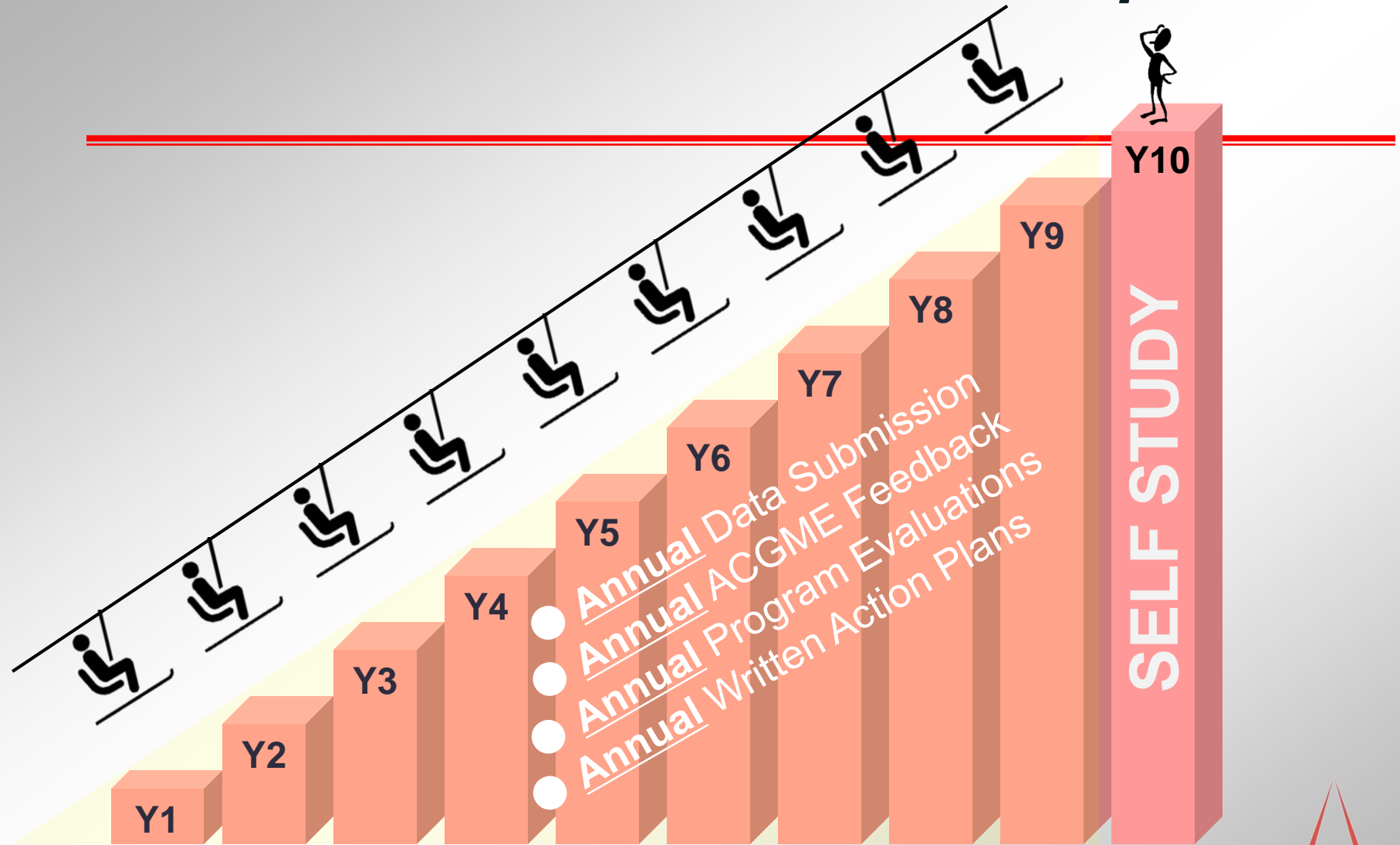
# ACGME Mission

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- ***“We improve health care and population health by assessing and advancing the quality of resident physicians' education through accreditation.”***



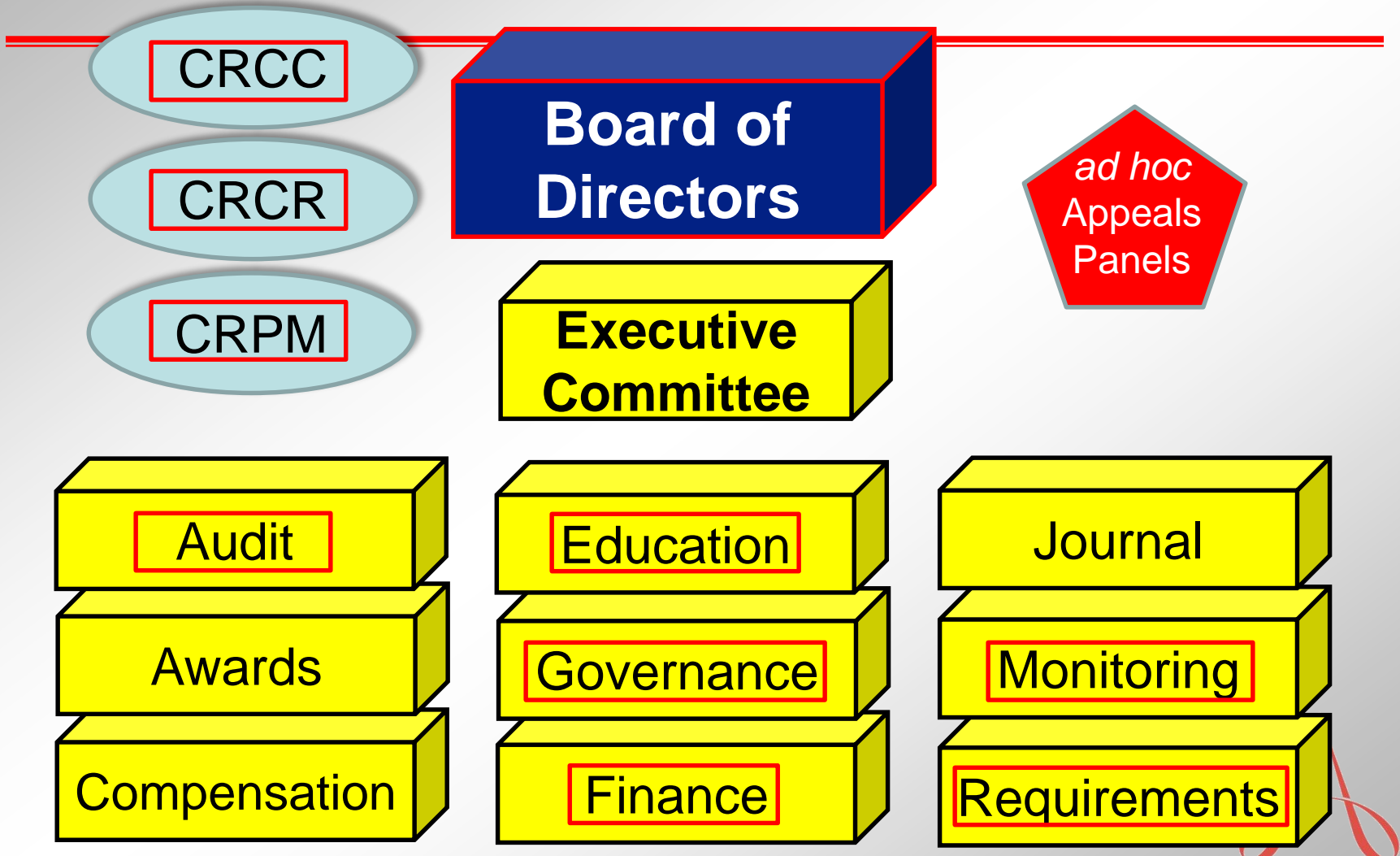
# NAS is about Continuous Improvement



# **ACGME Board of Directors:** **Changes**

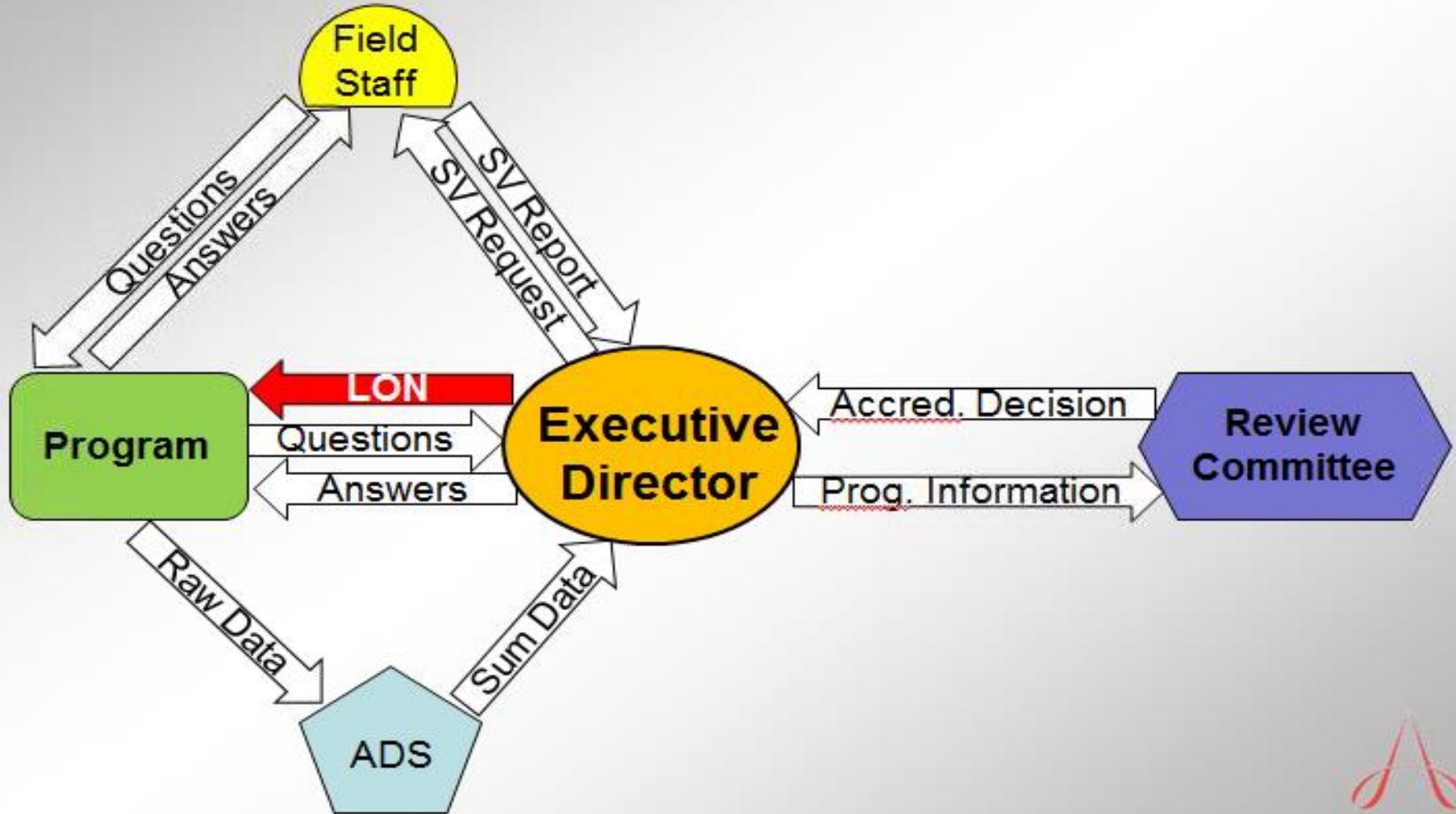
- **2 AACOM nominees (4 as of 2020)**
- **4 AAMC nominees**
- **4 ABMS nominees**
- **4 AHA nominees**
- **4 AMA nominees**
- **2 AOA nominees (4 as of 2020)**
- **4 CMSS nominees**
- **3 'at-large' directors**
- **3 public directors**
- **Chair Council of Review Committee Chairs**
- **Chair Council of Review Committee Residents**
- **At-large resident**
- **2 Federal representatives (*ex officio*)**

# ACGME Governance



Committees that will include AOA nominees

# ACGME Structure: RC Executive Director and Staff



# **SAS:** ***Important Dates***

- **MOU announced *February 26, 2014***
- **Institutions may apply *April 1, 2015***
- **AOA programs may apply *July 1, 2015***
- **Application window closes *June 30, 2020***
- **AOA ceases accreditation *June 30, 2020***

# SAS: *Provision of MOU*

- Applicant programs which, on 1 July 2015:
  - *Are AOA-approved, and*
  - *Have matriculated residents*
- **Get “*Pre-Accreditation Status*”**
- **Get relief from two Common Program Requirements:**
  - *AOA-certified faculty will be acceptable to RC*
  - *May have AOA-certified co-program director*



# SAS: *Provision of MOU*

- Applicant programs which, on 1 July 2015:
  - *Are AOA-approved, and*
  - *Do not have matriculated residents*
- **Get “Pre-Accreditation Status”**
- **Do not have relief from common program requirements**

# *Your Application*

- **DIO needs to initiate application process, but after that...**
- **Application in two parts:**
  - ***General information for all programs (ADS)***
  - ***Specialty-specific application (Word format)***
- **Cannot alter applications after submitting**
- **Describe plan to meet each requirement**
- **In policies/attachments, etc., use ACGME language**

# ***Applying to ACGME: Which standards to comply with?***

- **Programs in Pre-Accreditation status still AOA-approved and must *function* according to AOA standards**
- **Applications for ACGME accreditation must be *written* to ACGME standards**
- **Policies/procedures/etc. meeting ACGME standards will become effective upon ACGME accreditation**

# ***Subspecialty Programs***


- **Subspecialty programs are considered *dependent***
- **They *must* be associated with core program in same sponsoring institution**
- **Sub *can* apply for accreditation after its core programs has received *Pre-Accreditation***
- **However, a sub cannot be reviewed until its core receives *Initial Accreditation***

# Eligibility Requirements


<a href="#">Program and Institutional Accreditation</a>	<a href="#">Data Collection Systems</a>	<a href="#">Meetings and Conferences</a>	<a href="#">Graduate Medical Education</a>
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Over the next five years, beginning July 1, 2015, AOA-approved programs and sponsoring institutions will have the opportunity to apply for ACGME accreditation. The ACGME and AOA have created and will continue to create elements of operations and infrastructure to ensure a smooth transition to the single system. [Click here for the timeline \(Updated December 3, 2014\)](#) 

The ACGME will continue to update information on the single accreditation system as new developments unfold, and as questions arise during the systems implementation. Please return to this page periodically for updates and answers to your questions. Thank you for your interest as we work together to implement this important step forward in American graduate medical education.

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### Related Links

- [Program Eligibility Requirements](#) 
- [ACGME Glossary of Terms](#) 
- [Requirements for Review and Comment](#)

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### Events

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### Pathways (Posted December 3, 2014)

- [Pathways to ACGME Accreditation for AOA-Approved Programs](#) 

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### Education



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### Application Process

The following guidelines apply to currently-AOA-approved core residency and subspecialty programs that apply for ACGME accreditation.

- [Application Process](#)
- [Timeline \(Updated December 3, 2014\)](#) 
- [Intent to Apply for Institutional Accreditation](#) 

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### News and Communications

- [News and Communications](#)

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### FAQs

These FAQs address common areas of the

# *What if I have questions ?*

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- *If you have any questions about requirements, the application process, etc...contact the **RC staff**.*



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# AOA Members on RC-Dermatology

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- Two AOA nominees for each position
- RC recommends one of the two
- Appointment by BOD
- Orientation
- Full voting member

# RC-Dermatology Members


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- ABD
  - Amy Paller, MD, Vice Chair
  - Erik Stratsman, MD
  - Mary Stone, MD, Chair
  - John Zitelli, MD
- Resident
  - Brian Petersen, MD
- AMA
  - Nicole Owens, MD
  - William Hanke, MD
  - Robert Brodell, MD
  - George Elgart, MD
- AOA
  - Stephen Purcell, DO, FAOCD
- Public Member
  - Mary Theobald



# RC-Dermatology webpage

- RC-Dermatology meets *twice* a year.
- Meeting dates and agenda closing deadlines can be found on the RC's page



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## Dermatology

- Letter Regarding Medical Logs
- Case and Medical Logs 2014
- Procedural Dermatology Data Entry Guidelines
- Dermatology Case Entry Guidelines
- Procedural Dermatology Case Logs
- Requests for Changes in Resident Complement

## RC Submission Deadlines

Meeting Date	Agenda Closing Date
January 16-17, 2016	November 20, 2015
April 8-9, 2016	February 18, 2016

 Contact an administrator for new program application due dates.



# The work of your RC

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- Reviews programs with regards to common and specialty program requirements
- Determines accreditation status for programs
- Proposes revisions to program requirements
- Discusses matters of policy, issues relevant to the specialty
- Recommends changes in policy, procedures and requirements to the ACGME Council of Review Committee Chairs.

# The work for your RC in SAS

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- Want AOA programs to succeed
- Will help them do so
- Programs in “Pre-Accreditation Status” will not be given “Withhold”
- Will be given guidance in improvements necessary for accreditation (citations)
- Programs may “re-apply” as many times as necessary until June 30, 2020

# How will the RC review the application?

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- Application + site visit used to determine *substantial compliance* to requirements
  - Requirements are minimums
- Areas of non-compliance (citations) will likely be identified during review process, but RC will need to determine:
  - What are the *consequences* and *magnitude* of the citations?
  - Is *substantial compliance* achieved even though there are citations?



# Things to Consider...

## Program Director Qualifications

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- The RC for Dermatology will not require new applications to have Co-Program Directors
- Although ABD certification is not required, proposed program directors will be considered based upon their experience level, academic credentials/scholarly activity and participation/leadership in educational/academic and dermatology associations

# Things to Consider...

## Faculty/Resource Requirements

- Each program must have a director of surgical training. This individual must have completed a one-year procedural dermatology/Mohs training fellowship. Alternative qualifications may be considered by the RC but approval is not guaranteed.
- Each program must have a director of dermatopathology. This individual must have completed a dermatopathology fellowship-training program.

# Things to consider...

## Faculty/Resident Scholarship

- The majority of faculty members and residents must show evidence of ongoing scholarly activity.
- The RC's definition of scholarly activity includes:
  - authorship of studies, textbook chapters, review articles
  - participation in sponsored clinical or basic science research
  - presentations at regional or national meetings
  - leadership roles in regional or national dermatology or GME organizations.

# SAS Website



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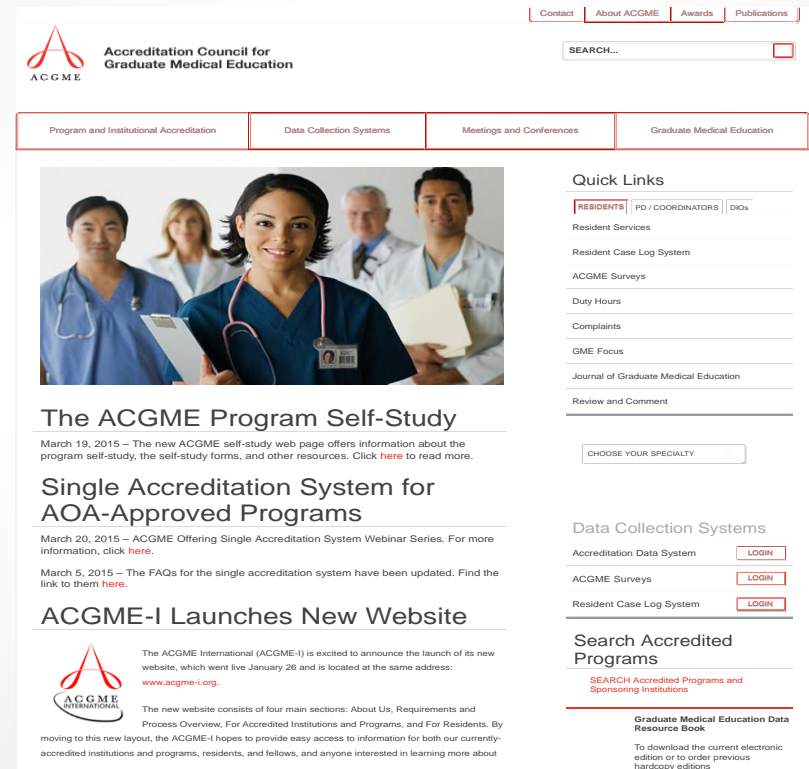
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The screenshot shows the ACGME website homepage. At the top left is the ACGME logo. To the right is a search bar and navigation links for Contact, About ACGME, Awards, and Publications. Below this is a horizontal menu with four categories: Program and Institutional Accreditation, Data Collection Systems, Meetings and Conferences, and Graduate Medical Education. The main content area features a large image of medical professionals. Below the image are three news items: 'The ACGME Program Self-Study' (dated March 19, 2015), 'Single Accreditation System for AOA-Approved Programs' (dated March 20, 2015), and 'ACGME-I Launches New Website' (dated March 5, 2015). On the right side, there are sections for 'Quick Links' (with links for Residents, PD/Coordinators, and DIOs), 'Data Collection Systems' (with login buttons for ADS, Surveys, and Case Log System), and 'Search Accredited Programs' (with a search bar and a link to the Graduate Medical Education Data Resource Book).



