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Summary of Actions at September 2008 RRC Meeting

The Committee reviewed 29 core programs, 5 toxicology programs, 2 pediatrics programs, and 1 sports medicine program. Congratulations and welcome to the new programs.

Approved Applications (6 out of 6 approved)

Core Emergency Medicine (3 out of 3 initial approval)
Saint Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO
Program Director: Vijai Chauhan, MD

University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Cleveland, OH
Program Director: Barry E. Brenner, MD

Lehigh Valley Hospital Network/Pennsylvania State University Hospital
Allenton, PA
Program Director: Gary Bonfante, DO

Medical Toxicology (1 out of 1 initial approval)
Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, Philadelphia, PA
Program Director: Adam Rowden, DO

Emergency Medicine - Pediatrics (2 out of 2 initial approval)
Orlando Health, Orlando, FL
Program Director: Jose Ramirez, MD

Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR
Program Director: Garth Meckler, MD

Emergency Medicine Continued Accreditation (15 out of 15 granted)
1 (2 years), 3 (3 years), 6 (4 years), 5 (5 years)

Medical Toxicology Continued Accreditation (3 out of 3 granted)
1 (2 years), 1 (4 years), 1 (5 years)

1 EM RRC Pilot Program reviewed and site visit maintained

Approved Complement Increases
(6 out of 10 approved)

Approved Format Changes
(2 out of 2 approved)

No Adverse Actions Taken

MEETING AND AGENDA CLOSING DATES

MEETING: FEBRUARY 13-15, 2009
AGENDA CLOSING: DECEMBER 5, 2008

MEETING: SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2009
AGENDA CLOSING: JULY 17, 2009

Number and Average Cycle Length by Program Type for all Currently Accredited Programs in Academic Year 2009*

	Number	Average Cycle Length
Emergency Medicine (excludes 34 programs in the EM pilot that have 7 or 8 year cycle lengths)	115	3.77
Pediatric Emergency Medicine	19	3.68
Sports Medicine	5	3.80
Medical Toxicology	25	3.96
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine	5	3.60

*Note: Average cycle length includes new programs that are granted a 3-year maximum cycle length.

Duty Hour Report and Message from the CEO

In a message to all program directors, designated institutional officials, and residents, ACGME CEO Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP discusses issues pertaining to the ACGME Monitoring Committee and Resident Duty Hours. The message may be accessed through the following link: <http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/home/SpecialMessageCEO2008Sept22.pdf>. The RRC is pleased to announce that Emergency Medicine programs did not require site visits due to duty hours this calendar year.

RRC Commends the Emergency Medicine Community

The Emergency Medicine Review Committee is greatly appreciative for the response from the emergency medicine community to assist with placement of residents from programs that were significantly affected by Hurricane Ike. All displaced residents have been successfully relocated.

ACGME e-Communication

In late June 2008, the first weekly ACGME e-Communication was sent to ACGME staff, program directors, coordinators, DIOs, Review Committee members, and ACGME Board members (about 10,000 people). This email announces the week's revised or new program requirements, new PIFs, RRC newsletters, ADS and Case Log updates, as well as other news. The information is contained in short sections, with direct links to specific RRC webpages, and other parts of the ACGME website. This is a valuable weekly resource for program directors; messages specific to Emergency Medicine program directors will appear periodically and be clearly marked.

Registration Open for 2009 Annual Educational Conference

Registration for the 2009 ACGME Annual Educational

Conference, Shaping the Future, is now open. The conference will be held in Grapevine, Texas, and will feature an Introductory Course for New Program Directors and New Coordinators (March 5) as well as a Pre-Course titled Promoting Good Learning and Safe, Effective Care: A Five-Year Review of the ACGME's Common Duty Hour Standards (March 4-5). The conference will begin on Friday, March 6th and end at noon on Sunday, March 8th. The specialty session for emergency medicine program directors and coordinators will occur on Friday, March 6, at 1:45pm-2:30pm.

The ACGME is also pleased to announce that there will be an additional session scheduled for Saturday from 5:00-6:00 pm (not listed in the brochure) and open to all conference attendees. The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), which provides the Electronic Residency Application Service, have established a joint work group to address problems related to the "scramble" for unfilled positions that occurs at the conclusion of the Main Residency Match. The group, which includes residency program directors, medical school student affairs deans, and match applicants, is seeking program director input on a plan to revise the Match Week schedule and require unfilled programs and unmatched applicants to offer and accept positions through an electronic system hosted by the NRMP. Implementation is planned for the 2011 Match. NRMP Executive Director Mona Signer will describe the current problems and the proposed solution.

The link for the Conference homepage, containing registration information and brochures is located here: http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/meetings/me_EducConf_09.asp

Attention GME Coordinators

In preparation for the GME Coordinator Session at the 2009 ACGME Annual Educational Conference, we are requesting that you identify what "hot button" issues/topics you would like to see addressed at this session. Please respond even if you are not able to attend the conference. Issues/topics identified will be used in future FAQs. Send responses to Tami Walters, Associate Executive Director for Appeals and Legal Support (IRC@acgme.org).

Resident Services

The ACGME has created a new Office of Resident Services that will help residents resolve concerns about their residency programs. Marsha Miller is the associate vice president of resident services, and Em-

ily Vasiliou is the resident services associate. The news release with more details about the new office can be viewed here:

http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/newsReleases/newsRel_11_19_08.asp

Congratulations to Dr. Michael S. Beeson

The Committee congratulates one of its newest members, Michael Beeson, MD, on being one of the eight distinguished teachers to receive the ACGME's Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach award. The annual award, selected from a large pool of nominees, honors outstanding teachers in graduate medical education. The Courage to Teach Award is given to program directors, nominated by their peers and students, who have innovative residency program curricula, who have improved graduate medical education, and served as exemplary role models for residents. The award is named for Parker J. Palmer, PhD, a sociologist and teacher who wrote *The Courage to Teach*. Award recipients will receive plaques and checks for \$1,000 at a luncheon held during the ACGME's Annual Educational Conference, which will take place March 5-8 at the Gaylord Texan, Grapevine, Texas.

Most Common Citations for Core Emergency Medicine Programs

Academic Year 2006 vs. Academic Year 2008*

Academic Year 2006

Scholarly Activity (32)
Qualifications of faculty (29)
Procedure/Resuscitation experience (23)
Responsibilities of Program Director (21)
Patient care experience (16)

Academic Year 2008

Scholarly Activity (23)
Qualifications of faculty (11)
Responsibilities of PD (10)
Responsibilities of Faculty (9)
Institutional support – Space (8)
Institutional support – PD (8)

*Pilot Program data not included

PIF Revisions

Minor revisions have been made to the Emergency Medicine PIF. The PIF on the RRC webpage, dated 01/31/2008, captures these changes and must be used for upcoming site visits. The PIF is located here: http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/RRC_110/110_pifIndex.asp. The most important revisions to the PIF were made in the following sections:

- Faculty Roster in Common PIF section: CVs needed only for core faculty. Core faculty names should be indicated by an asterisk.
- Revisions to Section X: Program Personnel and Resources (Non-ABEM Certified Faculty and Other Faculty)
- Procedures Data Table matched to the Emergency Medicine Guidelines
- Minor modifications made in the specialty-specific Patient Population Statistics section under Patient Care

In addition, please note the clarification to specialty-specific PIF Question VII.B: Board Pass Rates for Residents Graduating during the Last Five Years Academic (rolling average) as follows below.

This question asks for:

- Number taking first stage of Board exam for the first time
- Number of first time takers who passed the first stage of the Board exam
- Number taking second stage of Board exam for the first time
- Number of first time takers who passed second stage of Board

Clarification

- "First stage" and "Second stage" refer to the two parts to the certification examination, i.e., the qualifying examination and the oral examination.
- The denominator is the total number of graduates that took the examination in question in each academic year.