

Fall 2007

Residency Review Committee

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RRC Decisions:

January/June 2007

At their January 2007 meeting, the RRC reviewed fourteen Neurological Surgery programs and one application for accreditation status. The following decisions were made:

- The Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology program at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, AZ was approved and granted accreditation;
- Ten programs were approved for accreditation ongoing;
- Two program decisions were deferred until the next meeting;
- Of the nine requests for an increase in resident complement, two were granted;
- Four requests for duty hour exceptions were granted;
- One program received a proposed withhold status; and,
- Two programs received a proposed probation status.

In June 2007, the RRC reviewed three programs that had received proposed adverse action decisions at the January meeting. Two of these programs were granted accreditation, and one was confirmed to withhold.

Two programs deferred from the January meeting were approved and received accreditation ongoing. In addition, ten programs from the June agenda were reviewed and granted accreditation ongoing. Three programs requested and were granted a duty hour exception, and of the four requests for an increase in resident complement, one was granted.

ACGME Web-Based Operative Log System

Effective July 1, 2007, all surgery programs are required to use the ACGME web-based operative log system. This includes the data entry for **all** residents enrolled in ACGME approved positions.

The ACGME will allow programs currently using another system the opportunity to do a one-time transfer of data from your existing system to the ACGME system. A page (PDF) containing the required import file layout is available. Only the residents currently in your program will be imported. If you have any questions about the import file, or to schedule a date for the conversion, contact the Support Center at (312) 755-7464 or oplog@acgme.org.

Accreditation Data System

By now, all program directors are familiar with

the ACGME's online Accreditation Data System (ADS). This system alerts the RRC of changes in your program. You should update the ADS:

1. When you are notifying the RRC of a change in your program (e.g. new program director or adding or deleting a site);
2. When you are requesting a change which needs RRC approval (i.e. an increase in resident complement);
3. At the beginning of the academic year for your "Annual Update" (ADS staff will e-mail you with your deadline for updating your faculty and resident rosters); and,
4. When preparing for an upcoming site visit (the ADS will populate many sections of the PIF with the data you enter).

The ADS is also a historical resource for programs, as their recent notification letters and previous citations are stored there.

Note that e-mail is now the ACGME's prevalent form of communication. Please ensure that your e-mail address in the ADS is correct.

To reset your password, for instructions on submitting data, or for help with completing Part 1 of the program information form, please contact the ADS representative for Neurological Surgery, Emilio Villatoro at evillatoro@acgme.org.

New "Program Director Guide to the Common Program Requirements"

To help clarify the meaning and expectations of the common program requirements, there is a "Program Director Guide to the Common Program Requirements" available on www.acgme.org. RRC members, RRC staff, ACGME field staff, and program directors

across specialties all provided review and input. The Guide will be regularly revised based on user feedback and as requirements change. Please email comments and suggestions to: Guide@acgme.org

Integration of Common and Neurological Surgery Requirements

The common program requirements were integrated into the Neurological Surgery program requirements earlier this year. As of July 1, 2007, they are currently in effect.

Endovascular Neuroradiology Program Requirements

The new Endovascular Neuroradiology program requirements, which are posted on the ACGME website, will go into effect January 2008.

ACGME Welcomes New CEO



Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP, has been named chief executive officer of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Nasca comes to the ACGME from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia where he was dean of the Jefferson Medical College, senior vice president for academic affairs, and president of Jefferson University Physicians. Dr. Nasca is a board-certified internist and nephrologist, and brings 26 years of graduate

medical education experience to the ACGME.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to join the ACGME and to succeed its outstanding and visionary leader for the past 10 years, David C. Leach, MD,” said Dr. Nasca in an ACGME news release announcing his appointment. “I hope to enhance the ACGME's legacy of excellence and sustain our commitment to improve the health of the public through outstanding graduate medical education for the future physicians of the United States.”

He succeeds Dr. Leach, who retires this Fall.

Future RRC Meeting and Agenda Closing Dates

Meeting: January 25-26, 2008
Agenda Closing: December 3, 2007

Meeting: June 20-21, 2008
Agenda Closing: May 2, 2008

Meeting: January 26-27, 2009
Agenda Closing: December 1, 2009

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