

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

Fall/Winter 2007

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RRC Decisions:

November 2007

At their November 2007 meeting, the RRC reviewed and approved the following:

• General Neurology

Initial Accreditation	02
Accreditation Ongoing	10
Proposed Probation	02
Other requests (progress reports, resident complement increases, etc.)	08

• Child Neurology

Initial Accreditation	02
Accreditation Ongoing	08
Other requests (progress reports, resident complement increases, etc.)	03

• Clinical Neurophysiology

Initial Accreditation	01
Continued Accreditation	12
Deferral	01
Other requests (progress reports, resident complement increases, etc.)	04

• Vascular Neurology

Initial Accreditation	06
Continued Accreditation	04
Proposed Probation	01
Other requests (progress reports, resident complement increases, etc.)	01

• Neuromuscular Medicine

Initial Accreditation	01
Continued Accreditation	02

• Sleep Medicine Neurology

Proposed Probation	01
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TOTAL AGENDA ITEMS 69

ADS Administrative Update Requests for Complement Changes

All requests for changes in resident complement, whether permanent or temporary, must be made through the Accreditation Data System (ADS). While some program directors also wish to send separate correspondence to support their requests, these letters are considered supplemental material; the formal

request must come through ADS. RRC staff use the ADS system to track and compile all requests for the RRC meeting agenda. Even when the RRC Executive Committee approves an interim request, this information becomes part of the official consent agenda of an upcoming meeting. The ADS system also provides all necessary program data for the RRC reviewer in assessing the context of the program.

Accreditation Notification Letters

A new feature in ADS will enable users to access RRC accreditation notification letters retrospective to meetings after July 1, 2004. Copies of letters prior to that date must be requested through RRC staff.

Accreditation Data Available on ACGME Website

Many program directors and coordinators are unaware of valuable accreditation information available on the ACGME website. Information such as frequency of accreditation statuses, average cycle length by accreditation status, and other helpful reports can be found by accessing www.acgme.org/adspublic. Select the "Accreditation Decisions" link at the bottom of the report list and use the drop-down menu at the top of the page under the title "Accreditation Decisions." This information is available only for core specialties.

ACGME Annual Education Conference Update

The ACGME Annual Education Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas at the Gaylord Palms Resort on February 28—March 1, 2008. Registration information is available on the ACGME website. Multiple sessions at this conference focus on professional development for program directors, program coordinators, designated institutional officials, and other medical educators with

an interest in graduate medical education.

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 Neurology Program Requirements

The common program requirements were integrated with the General Neurology, Child Neurology, Neurodevelopmental Disabilities, and Pain Medicine program requirements earlier this year. As of July 1, 2007, they are currently in effect.

Review Cycle of Subspecialty Programs

The review cycle of subspecialty programs was aligned/linked with the review cycle of the core program. If the core program received a three year cycle, the subspecialty programs also received three year cycles. However, the ACGME has allowed the RRC the ability to uncouple the review cycle of the core and subspecialty programs.

General Neurology Program Requirement Revisions

The General Neurology Program Requirements are currently under revision. The proposed program requirement revisions will be disseminated to the Neurology community,

including program directors, for additional comment before submission to the ACGME for approval. The participation of program directors in this process is appreciated.

Sleep Medicine Subspecialty

The Family Medicine specialty was granted approval to become a co-sponsor of Sleep Medicine. Family Medicine will be joining Neurology, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Otolaryngology as co-sponsors.

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: May 8-9, 2008
Agenda Closing: March 21, 2008

Meeting: November 13-14, 2008
Agenda Closing: September 22, 2008

Meeting: May 21-22, 2009
Agenda Closing: March 30, 2009

Meeting: November 19-20, 2009
Agenda Closing: September 30, 2009

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