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Summary of Actions at November 2008 Meeting

The Committee reviewed 24 general neurology programs, 15 vascular programs, 8 child programs, 16 clinical neurophysiology, 6 neuromuscular, 2 neurodevelopmental disabilities, and 3 sleep programs. Congratulations and welcome to the new programs.

Approved Applications (11 out of 13 approved)

Core Neurology (1 out of 1 initial approval)

Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, Philadelphia, PA
Program Director: George C. Newman, MD

Neuromuscular (2 out of 2 initial approval)

University of California (Irvine), Orange, CA
Program Director: Annabel K. Wang, MD

Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium, St. Louis, MO
Program Director: Muhammad Al-Lozi, MD

Neurodevelopmental (1 out of 1 initial approval)

University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, TX
Program Director: Patricia A. Evans, MD

Vascular (7 out of 9 initial approval)

University of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, AL
Program Director: James H. Halsey, MD

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Program Director: Michael A. Sloan, MD

Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY
Program Director: Gary L. Bernardini, MD

University Hospitals Case Medical Center
Cleveland, OH, Program Director: Michael DeGeorgia, MD

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Program Director: Steven Messe, MD

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC
Program Director: Robert J. Adams, MD

MEETING AND AGENDA CLOSING DATES

MEETING:
MAY 21-22, 2009
AGENDA CLOSING:
MARCH 12, 2009

MEETING:
NOVEMBER 19-20, 2009
AGENDA CLOSING:
SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
 Program Director: Matthew Jensen, MD

Neurology Continued Accreditation (14 out of 14 granted)
 2 years (n=1), 3 years (3), 5 years (10)

Neuromuscular Continued Accreditation (3 out of 3 granted)
 1 year (1), 4 years (1), 5 years (1)

Child Continued Accreditation (5 out of 5 granted)
 3 years (3), 5 years (2)

Neurodevelopmental Continued Accreditation (1 out of 1 granted)
 4 years (1)

Clinical Neurophysiology Continued Accreditation (11 out of 12 granted)
 1 year (1), 3 years (1), 4 years (1), 5 years (8)

Vascular Continued Accreditation (5 out of 7 granted)
 3 years (1), 4 years (2), 5 years (2)

Approved Complement Increases (7 out of 10 approved)

Approved Format Changes (1 out of 1 approved)

Proposed Adverse Actions (3)

	Number	Average Cycle Length
Neurology	128	4.01
Child Neurology	69	4.03
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	7	3.43
Clinical Neurophysiology	89	3.89
Neuromuscular	21	3.1
Vascular	60	3.08
Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology	1	2

*Note: Total average cycle length excludes withdrawn programs and undetermined cycle lengths. 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 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 Neurology programs did not require site visits due to duty hours this calendar year.

Most Common Citations for Core Neurology Programs

Academic Year 2006 vs. Academic Year 2008
Academic Year 2006

- Institutional Support-PD (n=19)
- Responsibilities of PD (18)
- Didactic Components (14)
- Goal and Objectives (12)
- Curricular Development (11)
- Institutional Support – Participating Inst. (9)
- Patient Care Experience (8)
- Evaluation of Resident (8)
- Performance of Board Scores (8)

Academic Year 2008

- Responsibilities of PD (e.g., PIF completion, number of residents, prerequisite training of residents) (n=15)
- Evaluation of Program (7)
- Scholarly Activity (6)
- Qualifications of faculty (5)
- Goal and Objectives (5)
- Curricular Development (5)
- Didactic Components (5)
- Evaluation of Residents (5)

RRC Commends the Neurology Community

The Neurology Review Committee is greatly appreciative for the response from the Neurology 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 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.

Registration Open for 2009 ACGME 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 neurology program directors and coordinators will occur on Friday, March 6.

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.

Links for registration and the current brochures are listed below. We hope to see you at the conference. Online registration for the ACGME Annual Educational Conference is now open. Registration can be accessed here: http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/meetings/me_EducConf_09_Registration.asp

Online registration for the ACGME Common Duty Hour Standards Conference, to be held prior to the ACGME Annual Educational Conference, is now open. Registration can be accessed here: http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/meetings/me_dutyhoursregistration.asp

Brochures for the ACGME Annual Educational Conference and the ACGME Common Duty Hour Standards Conference can be found at: http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/meetings/me_EducConf_09_brochure.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 Emily 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. Lori Schuh, MD

The Committee congratulates Lori Schuh, MD, Neurology Residency Program Director at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, for 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, 2009 at the Gaylord Texan in Dallas, Texas.

Notable Practices

In support of the ACGME's initiative for increased and timely communication with program directors and designated institutional officials, the RRC for Neurology will begin posting notable practices to their webpage. These notable practices are those that have been identified at the time of a program review, and include goals and objectives, curricula, and lectures.

Our thanks to Dr. John Engstrom, University of California (San Francisco), who gave his approval for posting and distribution of his program's rotation goals and objectives.