



Summer 2008

## Residency Review Committee

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## RRC Decisions:

### May 2008

At their May 2008 meeting, the RRC reviewed and approved the following:

### General Neurology

Initial Accreditation	01
Continued Accreditation	12
Other requests (progress reports, resident complement increases, etc)	24

### Child Neurology

Continued Accreditation	04
Other requests	02

### Clinical Neurophysiology

Continued Accreditation	09
Voluntary Withdrawal	01
Proposed Withhold	01
Other requests	07

## Vascular Neurology

Initial Accreditation	06
Continued Accreditation	04
Proposed Withhold	02
Other requests	01

## Neuromuscular Medicine

Initial Accreditation	02
Continued Accreditation	05
Proposed Withhold	02

## Sleep Medicine

Initial Accreditation	01
Continued Accreditation	06
Other requests	02

## Endovascular Surgery Neuroradiology

Initial Accreditation	01
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## Pain Medicine

Continued Accreditation	01
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## Frequent Citations in 2007

The following is a list of frequent general neurology citations from the 2007 calendar year, with percentages followed by actual numbers of citations.

Responsibilities of PD	16%	(19)
Goals and Objectives	11%	(13)
Institutional Support – PD	7%	(8)

Institutional Support –  
Participating Site                      7%    (8)

Educational Program –  
Didactic Components                      7%    (8)

### **ACGME Resident Survey**

Every two years, all programs with four or more residents complete the ACGME Resident Survey. Results of this survey are made available to the program and the DIO for programs with a 70% or greater response rate. Programs with less than 70% response rates are resurveyed the following year.

The Resident Survey is used by the site visitor to spotlight key areas of concern as well as program strengths that the residents identified; the site visitor also uses the Resident Survey to help determine serious non-compliance with duty hour standards. Increasingly, compliance with duty hours, adequate supervision, and limiting excessive service are noted as key factors that contribute to a high-quality learning environment for residents.

The RRC has requested that site visitors provide more detailed information regarding the verification of negative comments made in the numerical or comment sections of the Resident Survey, specifically, when the site visitor records that a concern is “not an issue” or “could not be verified.”

Results of resident surveys can be used as heuristic tools by program directors to improve the quality of education for residents. National averages of resident surveys can be viewed on the ACGME website, [www.acgme.org](http://www.acgme.org) within the ADS section, and should be reviewed by individual programs during annual and mid-cycle internal reviews so that resident issues are identified and addressed in a timely manner.

### **Accreditation Data System**

The online Accreditation Data System (ADS) alerts the RRC to changes in programs. Program directors should update the ADS to:

- Notify the RRC of any changes in their program (i.e., new program director or adding or deleting a site)
- Request a change which needs RRC approval (i.e., an increase in resident complement)
- Submit the academic year “Annual Update” (ADS staff will e-mail the deadline for updating faculty and resident rosters)
- Prepare for an upcoming site visit (the ADS will populate many sections of the PIF with the data entered)

The ADS is also a historical resource for programs, and includes recent notification letters and previous citations.

Email is now the ACGME's major form of communication. Please ensure that e-mail addresses in the ADS are correct.

Address questions or concerns about ADS to the ADS representative for Neurology, Timothy Goldberg at 312/755-7111, [tgoldberg@acgme.org](mailto:tgoldberg@acgme.org).

### **Request for Complement Changes**

All requests for changes in resident complement, whether permanent or temporary, must be made ADS. The ACGME staff does not receive the resident complement request until the DIO has approved the request. For additional information, please go to the following website:

[http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/RRC\\_180/180\\_resComp.pdf](http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/RRC_180/180_resComp.pdf)

A temporary increase in resident complement should only be submitted if:

- Another institution is closing and residents

need to be placed;

- Resident remediation is required;
- Special circumstances exist (these will be reviewed on an individual basis).

Temporary increases should be limited to one position per year unless unique circumstances occur.

## **Voluntary Withdrawal Request**

Programs must now enter requests for voluntary withdrawal of accreditation (VW) only through ADS.

Programs may initiate the request by answering a series of questions, including the proposed effective date, the reason for program closure, and presenting a plan to place any active residents in other programs. DIO approval is required and the DIO must e-mail the request to the RRC staff designee. After the program receives official notification from the RRC and the accreditation status is changed to VW, the program will automatically be removed from the ADS report.

## **Accreditation Notification Letters**

ADS enables 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.

## **Innovation and Experimentation at the Program Level**

Program directors wishing to implement an innovative project, experimenting to improve resident education or the learning environment, or implementation of the competencies, should complete the Program Experimentation and Innovative Projects Proposal Form located on the Neurology website:

[http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/navPages/nav\\_180.asp](http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/navPages/nav_180.asp).

The DIO must sign the proposal indicating review and approval of the sponsoring institution's Graduate Medical Education Committee. Proposals should not exceed five pages in length. Attach additional documents as numbered appendices. One copy of the proposal should be sent via standard mail to the Neurology RRC Executive Director.

## **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 essential.

## **Future RRC Meeting and Agenda Closing Dates**

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

Meeting Date: May 21-22, 2009  
Agenda Closing Date: March 12, 2009

Meeting Date: November 19-20, 2009  
Agenda Closing Date: September 10, 2009

## **Courage to Teach and Courage to Lead Awards**

The ACGME is accepting nominations for the 2008-09 Courage to Teach and Courage to Lead awards. More information on the Courage to Teach Award is available at [http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/palmerAward/pa\\_leachMemo.asp](http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/palmerAward/pa_leachMemo.asp). More information on the Courage to Lead award is posted at [http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/courageLeadAward/co\\_memo.asp](http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/courageLeadAward/co_memo.asp).

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