

# RRC NEWS

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### Revising the Nuclear Medicine Program Requirements

At the November 2008 meeting, the RRC reviewed, revised, and reorganized the Nuclear Medicine Program Requirements. The impetus for redesigning the requirements was to decrease the burden on programs and faculty, to make it more relevant to the current practice of nuclear medicine, and to further quantify and operationally define the RRC criteria for minimum residency accreditation standards. More information on the progress of this revision will be announced through the weekly ACGME e-Communication as it is available.

### RRC Welcomes New Resident Member

Joanna Fair, MD is our new resident member. Dr. Fair earned her BA in chemistry from Rice University, a PhD in chemical physics from the University of Colorado, and an MD from Washington University in St. Louis. She completed her diagnostic radiology residency at the University of New Mexico in June 2008, and then began a one-year nuclear medicine residency at Washington University's Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology in July 2008. After completing her nuclear medicine residency, she plans to join the diagnostic radiology faculty at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Fair is married and has a young son, Nathan.

Dr. Fair attended her first Nuclear Medicine RRC meeting in May 2008 as an observer and began a two-year term as the resident member in July 2008. As the resident member, she serves as a full voting member of the committee, attends RRC meetings twice a year, and participates in email discussions and conference calls. At the Fall 2008 meeting, she actively participated in program reviews and assisted with the program requirement revisions. Dr. Fair offers other committee members an important perspective on residents' education in nuclear medicine.

### The Council of Review Committee Residents

All resident members of RRCs are automatically members of the Council of Review Committee Residents (CRCR). This group meets semiannually to discuss and act upon issues relevant to resident education and well-being. CRCR residents have been invited to participate in a portion of the March 2009 ACGME Annual Education Conference, specifically the symposium "Promoting Good Learning and Safe, Effective Care: A Five-Year Review of the ACGME's Common Duty Hour Standards."

At its September 2008 meeting, the CRCR members discussed major goals for the council. One issue that was identified is the need for residents to have time off to attend routine medical and dental appointments. An ongoing issue under discussion with the Federation of State Medical

Boards and their Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) is variability in programs' reporting of unusual circumstances, negative reports, and probations. This information currently becomes a part of each resident's permanent record with FCVS, regardless of how it may have been resolved.

The CRCC also plans to work with the AMA Resident and Fellow Section on its Resident Bill of Rights. The committee members plan to serve as advisors on the 2009 National Multispecialty Survey of Residents by Dewitt Baldwin, MD, Scholar-in-Residence at the ACGME, in order to evaluate trends in graduate medical education. Dr. Baldwin's 1989 and 1999 surveys were very successful in obtaining resident responses. The CRCC meeting concluded with a two-hour session discussing residents' concerns with ACGME CEO, Dr. Thomas Nasca.



*Pictured above, Council of Review Committee Residents From Back Row (left to right):*

Miriam D. Post, MD, Pathology; Meredith Riebschleger, MD, Pediatrics; Monica E. Rho, MD, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; Jeffrey H. Kozlow, MD, Plastic Surgery; Samuel Seiden, MD, Anesthesiology; Kayla Pope, MD, Psychiatry; Todd J. Mondzelewski, MD, Ophthalmology.

*From Middle Row (left to right):* Matthew M. Poppe, MD, Radiation Oncology; Ruth Ann Vleugels, MD, Dermatology; Brian Lane, MD, PhD, Urology; Michael L. DiLuna, MD, Neurological Surgery; Adeline Deladisma, MD, Surgery; Joanna R. Fair, MD, Nuclear Medicine.

*Front Row (left to right):* Esther J. Cheung, MD, Otolaryngology; Rupa J. Dainer, MD, Institutional Review Committee; Karen Hsu Blatman, MD, Internal Medicine (and baby Penelope); Jaime Lynn Bohl, MD, Colon and Rectal Surgery; Gretchen Glaser, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

*Not pictured:* Jose A. Carillo, MD, Neurology, Molly Cohen-Osher, Family Medicine, Brian P. Freeman, MD, Internal Medicine, James Huang, MD, Thoracic Surgery, Shauna Lawless, MD, Preventive Medicine, Keri A. Reese, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery, Jessica B. Robbins, MD, Diagnostic Radiology, Benjamin P. Soule, MD, Allergy and Immunology, Sarah Taylor, MD, Transitional Year, Michael J. Tocci, MD, Emergency Medicine, Audrey C. Woerner, MD, Medical Genetics.

## Approval of Program Director Changes

The RRC assesses all program director changes. The RRC reviews new program directors' credentials in advance of each meeting and determines whether the credentials meet the requirements for the position. If the RRC determines that a new program director's credentials are not adequate, the department Chair and DIO will be contacted. All information about new program director appointments may be submitted electronically through the ACGME Accreditation Data System (ADS) site.

## Development of Nuclear Medicine Case Log System

The RRC is in the process of developing an electronic case log system in order to track resident experience and ensure compliance with minimum numbers that are featured in the program requirements. The ACGME Resident Case Log System, a separate and secure entity, will be used. Program directors using any other case log system must re-enter aggregate data into the existing ACGME Resident Case Log system each year. Future plans for the system to collect additional information about individual cases will lend itself to being embedded in learning portfolios.

## 2009 ACGME Educational Conference

Each year, the ACGME Annual Education Conference provides a venue for graduate medical educators to learn more about the accreditation process and ways to enhance residency program quality related to ACGME initiatives, such as general competencies, educational outcome assessment, and duty hours. This year's conference, "Shaping the Future," will offer more than 80 sessions that are focused on education, assessment, the learning environment, and accreditation. The conference will be held in Grapevine, Texas from March 5-8, 2009.

Registration is available here: [http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/meetings/me\\_EducConf\\_09\\_Speakers.asp](http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/meetings/me_EducConf_09_Speakers.asp)

## Congratulations to Darlene Metter, MD, New CRCC Vice-chair

Dr. Darlene Metter was elected as vice-chair of the Council of Review Committee Chairs (CRCC) in 2008. The CRCC advises the ACGME Board of Directors on matters related to accreditation and the work of the review committees.

## Board Member Visits Nuclear Medicine RRC Meeting

ACGME Board Members have been encouraged to attend RRC meetings to become more familiar with

RRC activities. In response, board member John C. Maize, Sr., MD visited the most recent RRC meeting and observed both the program review process



and a discussion of proposed program requirements changes. *RRC Chair Dr. Darlene Metter, and ACGME Board Member Dr. Maize, Sr. are pictured above.*



*Pictured above, RRC Members and Staff (back row, left to right): Harvey Ziessman, MD; Leonie Gordon, MD, Vice-chair; Anthony Parker, MD; Christopher Palestro, MD; Missy Fleming, PhD, RRC Executive Director; Michael Graham, MD, PhD, Alternate.*

*Front Row (left to right): Becky Thielen, RRC Staff; Darlene Metter, MD, RRC Chair; Joanna R. Fair, MD, PhD, Resident.*

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## **MEETING AND AGENDA CLOSING DATES**

*MEETING: MAY 1, 2009*  
*AGENDA CLOSING: MARCH 4, 2009*

*MEETING: NOVEMBER 6, 2009*  
*AGENDA CLOSING: SEPTEMBER 2, 2009*

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