

Winter 2008

## AAOS 2008 Annual Meeting: Session for Program Directors & Faculty

The RRC will provide an Instructional Course Lecture (ICL) titled “The Accreditation Process Explained” from **8am-10am, Friday, March 8, 2008** during the AAOS’ annual meeting in San Francisco. Course faculty will include RRC members Drs. Dempsey Springfield, Richard Grant, and Peter Stern, ACGME site visitor Dr. William Robertson, as well as Steve Nestler and Billy Hart from the RRC staff. The session will include presentations on site visit preparation and procedures, resident case logs, scholarly activity, diversity, and curriculum development. During the final 30 minutes of the session RRC members and staff will respond to questions from session participants. Mark your calendar now and check the Academy Meeting Program for the session location.

## Resident Case Log Data

Summary reports generated from CPT code data entered in the ACGME Case Log System are available on the RRC’s web page at [www.acgme.org](http://www.acgme.org). These data were entered by orthopaedic surgery residents who completed their programs on June 30, 2007. The reports include national means and standard deviations for procedures reported by 616 residents during their PGY-2 through PGY-5 years. The table below provides an overall summary of means for adult, pediatric, and all patients for selected procedure categories. Additional comments

on system reports will be provided during the RRC’s session at the upcoming Academy meeting.

**Mean Numbers of CPT Codes Reported During PGY-2 through PGY-5 Years by Orthopaedic Surgery Residents Who Completed Their Programs June 30, 2007.**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Adult Only</u>	<u>Pediatric Only</u>	<u>All Patients</u>
Shoulder	161.7	4.8	166.5
Humerus/Elbow	54.9	25.9	80.8
Forearm/Wrist	107.7	28.6	136.3
Hand/Fingers	107.7	15	122.7
Pelvis/Hip	178.6	27.3	205.9
Femur/Knee	382.8	44.5	427.3
Leg/Ankle	163.3	39.4	202.7
Foot/Toes	87.3	22.2	109.5
Other Musculoskeletal	115.4	45.1	160.5
Spine	119.7	24.9	144.6
Integumentary System	96.5	10.8	107.3
Nervous System	55.1	1.7	56.8
Miscellaneous	26	5.8	31.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1656.7</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>1952.7</b>
<b>Oncology Procedures</b>	24.8	4.6	29.4
<b>Microsurgery Procedures</b>	24.5	1.9	26.4

## Frequent Citations of Orthopaedic Surgery Residencies

During eight meetings spanning 2004-2007, the RRC completed 337 program reviews and identified 506 citations of noncompliance with accreditation requirements. A content analysis of those citations revealed that 209 citations fell into one of three categories: **patient care** (16%), **procedural experience** (13.6%), and **scholarly activity** (11.7%).

The most common citations in the **patient care** grouping were insufficient resident experience with:

- pre- and/or post-operative care
- pediatric orthopaedic patients
- orthopaedic trauma

The most frequent citations in the **procedural experience** category included the following deficiencies:

- total number of procedures reported by residents was below 1000
- total number of procedures reported by residents was above 3000
- significant unevenness in experience among residents
- too few procedures in a particular CPT code category (arthroscopy, microsurgery, foot & ankle, pediatric trauma)

The most frequent citations in the **scholarly activity** category identified the need for improvement in:

- resident publication and presentation
- faculty publications
- number of faculty involved in scholarly activity
- mentoring of residents in research methods and scholarly activity

Presentations during the RRC's Instructional Course Lecture at the March 2008 Academy meeting will include opportunities for further comment on RRC requirements and expectations in these frequently cited areas.

## New "Program Director Guide to the Common Program Requirements"

To help clarify the meaning and expectations of the common program requirements, the "Program Director Guide to the Common Program Requirements" is available on [www.acgme.org](http://www.acgme.org). RRC members, RRC staff, ACGME field staff, and program directors across specialties all provided review and input into developing the document. The Guide will be regularly revised based on user feedback and as requirements change. Please email comments and suggestions to: [Guide@acgme.org](mailto:Guide@acgme.org).

## 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 [webads@acgme.org](mailto:webads@acgme.org).

## Notification Letters Reminder

Since October 2006, program directors and their DIOs have been notified via email when their letter of notification has been posted on the ACGME's ADS system. Notification letters are no longer sent hard copy via US Mail. Program directors are also notified by email when a letter of notification is ready for review and printing.

## Site Visit Dates via Email

Programs will now receive an email notification of their scheduled site visit date prior to receiving a hard copy letter of confirmation. This change was effective in the Fall of 2006 and was instituted in an effort to notify programs of a firm survey date as soon as the date is ready for release by the Department of Field Staff Activities.

## RRC Meeting and Agenda Closing Date

In order to ensure an orderly and efficient RRC meeting, we must establish cut-off dates for requested agenda items. Please note these deadlines if you have submissions for future RRC meetings. The dates and deadlines are as follows:

Meeting:	June 13-14
Agenda Closing:	April 15

We understand that emergencies occur and we will be sensitive to your needs in these situations. However, routine agenda items will be held for the next meeting after these cut-off dates.

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