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Dear Pediatric Program Directors,

The purpose of this email is to provide you an update on several issues.

Use of Case Log System to Track Continuity Cases: As you recall from an email sent in July of 2005, the ACGME's case log system was modified so that residents need to identify in which setting a particular experience being logged is performed: (a) continuity clinic, (b) in-patient service, (c) NICU, (d) PICU, or (e) Other. Residents identify the CPT or ICD9 code that best reflects a particular procedure/diagnosis and then select the appropriate setting type. A pilot study in the fall of 2005 revealed few issues with the field when used to track continuity. As such, the mechanism for tracking continuity cases has been in place for some time. However, until the new PIF was implemented in January there was no formal notification that programs are required to use the case log system to track continuity cases. So, to ensure that the RRC will have continuity reports for a full academic year, starting July 1, 2006 all programs will be required to use the ACGME's case log system to track residents' continuity cases.

Instructions for all Reports Requested in the new PIF: Instructions for all reports that need to be generated and appended to the PIF are now available on the case log system. If you need further assistance generating these reports please contact the ACGME Help Desk (312.755-7464, or oplog@acgme.org).

Required Pediatric Subspecialty Experience and Elective Experiences: Part of the table in Section 9.F.4 in the new PIF that asks for inpatient/outpatient information for the pediatric subspecialties and closely affiliated specialties will be eliminated. Programs will not need to provide such data for the following areas in the table: anesthesia, child psychiatry, dermatology, ophthalmology, orthopedics and sports med, otolaryngology, radiology, surgery, PM&R, other. The table will be updated in the near future and the rows with the aforementioned areas will be removed.

Program Requirements for the Subspecialties of Pediatrics: The program requirements for the subspecialties of Pediatrics were approved at the February ACGME meeting and will go into effect January 1, 2007. As such, pediatric subspecialty programs will be required to demonstrate that they have implemented the Competencies/Outcomes Project at that time, instead of July 1, 2006. A generic subspecialty PIF that will be used by all subspecialties is currently under development.

Sincerely yours,

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