

MEMORANDUM

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To: Program Directors, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

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Subject: ACGME Case Log System

As many of you learned during the Program Directors' meeting in Colorado Springs in February, PM&R residencies will be required to begin using the ACGME's Case Log System on July 1, 2009. The ACGME webpage ([www.acgme.org](http://www.acgme.org)) currently provides extensive information about the system in general, and a manual and an excellent tutorial for the PM&R version will be posted this month. Program directors and coordinators should begin reviewing these tools now so that they will be well prepared to instruct residents on the use of the system in July. A portion of the PM&R Manual is enclosed. Note that while system instructions refer to "cases" or "encounters," PM&R residents will use the system to report procedural experience using CPT codes.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, RRC review of programs will include evaluation of reports generated by the Case Log System. Therefore, it is extremely important that program directors and coordinators ensure that residents are entering data properly. In addition, programs will be able to use system reports to evaluate their residents' experiences relative to national norms. Finally, after several years of experience, it is anticipated that minimum expectations for resident performance of selected procedures will be established and published.

Should you have questions regarding the new expectations or the Case Log System itself, please feel free to contact:

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