

RRC FOR PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

SPRING 2006 NEWSLETTER

New RRC Members:

The RRC welcomes Dr. Dianna Cardenas of the University of Washington, soon to be at the University of Miami. She will be replacing Dr. James Sliwa.

The new resident member of the RRC is Dr. Shana Margolis of Houston, Texas. She Begins her official two-year term on July 1, 2006. The resident member is a voting member of the RRC.

Current RRC Members:

Murray Brandstater – Loma Linda
Barry Smith – Houston
Gary Clark – Cleveland
William Bockenek – Charlotte
Jacob Neufeld – Richmond
Diana Cardenas – Miami
Shana Margolis – Houston

Program Requirements:

The final version of the revised program requirements has now been approved and is on the ACGME website. This revision incorporates numerous comments from program directors sent to the RRC in response to a wide circulation of an initial draft. The new program requirements will take effect July 1, 2006. All programs undergoing a site visit after July 1 will be judged on the new requirements.

Besides some revisions of content, the new program requirements have been reorganized to group as many of the requirements as possible under the ACGME competencies, and to follow the sequence of items listed in the Program Requirements.

New Program Information Forms:

The new Program Information Form has been revised to match the new program requirements. A special effort has been made to simplify the forms and eliminate non-essential data gathering to make the task of completion of the forms easier for the program directors. Each program director should note the following:

- The ACGME has an Accreditation Data Systems (ADS) which records basic information

about each program. All programs should be interacting with the ADS to record changes

- Residents are now completing an ACGME anonymous survey. A summary of the resident responses is available to the program directors, and will be part of the program review by the site visitor at the time of the program survey.
- When the program director completes the PIF, it is essential that the format follow the instructions on the PIF, and that the data and information are both accurate and consistent.
- All communications with the ACGME, including completion of the PIF, should be **signed by both the Program Director and the Designated Institutional Official (DIO).**

Future RRC Meetings:

August 18-19, 2006	and	February 16-17, 2007
August 24-25, 2007	and	February 15-16, 2008
August 22-23, 2008		

Materials usually need to be received 2 months before a meeting, and a site visit needs to take place 3 months before a meeting in order to make the agenda.

Programs in PM&R:

Core programs:	79
Spinal Cord Injury Med.:	21
Pain Medicine:	12
Pediatric Rehabilitation:	4

The review cycles of core programs are as follows: 15 at 5 yrs., 13 at 4 yrs, 32 at 3 yrs., 15 at 2 yrs., and 4 at 1 yr. The subspecialty programs in PM&R are dependent on the core; therefore, their review cycles are tied to that of the core. The RRC can make the cycle shorter when necessary (e.g., in the case of a warning).

Most Common Citations:

The following are the most common citations over the last academic year:

The Educational Program:	48
Patient care:	19
Procedures:	2
Scholarly activity:	6
Supervision:	4
Didactics:	14
Service over education	3
Evaluation:	20
of the program:	9
of the faculty:	2
of residents:	5
ABPMR scores:	4

Most common citations (continued):

Program Director Qualifications and Responsibilities (including adequate data):	12
Institutional Support (including facilities):	10
Resident Appointment:	3
ACGME Competencies:	1

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