

RRC FOR PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

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Program Requirements and the Competencies:

The RRC will be officially circulating the proposed changes to the Program Requirements. We will be asking for comments from program directors, appointing organizations of the RRC and the ACGME, and other RRCs.

The rewrite is extensive, although most of it is editorial or clarifying in nature. One major editorial development is the relocation of the existing requirements under the six ACGME competencies. We hope this will better focus programs on the links between requirements and outcomes. We are also making it explicit that EMG does not count as outpatient experience.

The proposed substantive changes are as follows: (1) mention of internet access as a library tool, (2) requiring continuing education of the program director, (3) making explicit the RRC rule that an increase in resident complement of 2 or more per level requires prior approval, (4) deleting the mention of "funding organizations" in the context of professional ethics, (5) mandating that the final resident evaluation must be discussed with the resident, and (6) increasing the minimum ABPMR pass rate for a program from 70% to 75%. The proposed effective date is July 1, 2006. We look forward to the feed-back.

In the Field:

Dr. Teresa Massagli of the University of Washington was recently given the Parker Palmer Courage to Teach Award at a dinner hosted by the ACGME.

Future RRC Meetings:

August 19-20, 2005

February 17-18, 2006

August 18-19, 2006

As a reminder, a site visit needs to take place at least 3 months prior to the RRC meeting in order for the program to make the agenda.