

Fall 2005

Post-Meeting E-mail to Program Director/DIOs

In support of the ACGME's initiative for more and timely communication with Program Directors and Designated Institutional Officials, ACGME has decided that beginning October 1, 2005, RRC staff will provide e-mail notification of accreditation status and review cycle post-RRC meeting(s). Program Directors and DIOs will be notified about this new initiative via global e-mail this month.

1. For review results of a specialty program, the email will be sent to the program director with a copy to the DIO of the sponsoring institution;
2. For review results of a dependent subspecialty, the email will be sent to the subspecialty program director with copies to the specialty program director and the DIO of the sponsoring institution.
3. For results of an institution, the email will be sent to the DIO.

The email will contain the following elements:

- New Accreditation Status
- Length of Program
- Effective Date

- Information about resident complement (if applicable)
- Decisions (e.g., request for progress report, acknowledgment of progress report)

The program director and DIO will receive hard copies of the full accreditation letter (with complete information) within 6-8 weeks following the RRC meeting date.

Preventive Medicine Community

The RRC is greatly appreciative for the response from the preventive medicine community to assist with placement of residents from programs that were significantly affected by the Hurricane in Louisiana and Texas. All displaced residents are being successfully relocated or are continuing their education in their current program.

Most Frequent Citations for Preventive Medicine

The most frequent citations noted by the RRC from July 1, 2003 through September, 2005 are for the following: (1) Institutional Support, (2) Evaluation of Programs; (3) performance on board scores, curricular development, institutional support-participating institutions; patient care experiences (4) responsibilities of the program director; and (5) resident appointment issues, responsibilities of faculty, supervision, evaluation of resident and evaluation of faculty.

Final Evaluations of Residents

The final evaluation of residents should contain the wording that complies with the program requirements. The evaluation should state that the program director verifies that the resident is able to practice both competently and independently.

Results of Survey Related to Research Requirements

The survey indicated that most programs are conducting some training of residents in research but there is great variability among programs and variability within the same program.

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Program Director Approval

Seven new program directors were approved at the last meeting of the RRC for Preventive Medicine.

Program Requirement Changes

The subcommittee on program requirements continues to work to improve the requirements for residency education in preventive medicine. After its March 2006 meeting, program directors may expect to see the first draft of the program requirements.

“Combined” Programs

In the PIF, programs that share their residency with another specialty, for example Internal Medicine should indicate the percentage of time that each resident spends in each of the specialties. Please take particular notice that the Table of Contents must be included and each page of the document should be numbered consecutively. At the current time, the ACGME does not accredit combined residency programs.

ACGME Competencies

The ACGME timeline for implementing the Competency/Outcomes Project indicates that the RRCs are expected to begin issuing citations with consequences and making suggestions for improvement. Full integration of the competencies and their assessment with learning and clinical care should be in place by July 2006.

Web ADS Administrative Update

A new feature in Web ADS will enable programs (PDs, Coordinators and DIOs) to access RRC notification letters retrospective to meetings after July 1, 2004. Copies of letters prior to that date will need to be requested through the RRC staff.

Resident Survey

This year, the ACGME, will begin surveying all programs with at least 1 active resident. The plan is to begin the survey in the 3rd full week of January and wrap up by the 2nd week of June. Last year the ACGME surveyed approximately 37,000 residents in approximately 1950 programs. This year the plan is to survey approximately 48,000 residents in 4600 programs.

ACGME Educational Conference

The ACGME annual educational conference will be held on March 3-5, 2006 in Kissimmee Florida. Details of the conference will be on the ACGME website by December 1. The conference is designed for educators, program directors, coordinators, and anyone interested in graduate medical education. Last year, there were over 850 participants.

New RRC Members

Dr. Timothy Key is replacing Dr. Margot Krauss and Dr. Roy Hoffman (Resident) is replacing Dr. Elizabeth Nilson.

Approval of Program Director Changes

The RRC will be approving all program director changes. RRC will review new PD credentials in advance and should it determine the credentials are inadequate for the position; the DIO would be contacted to submit a replacement as soon as possible. In addition to submitting a C.V., there should be a letter of appointment. All information may be submitted via electronic mail.

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Please note that we must establish cut-off
dates for each meeting to ensure an orderly
and efficient meeting. Please note these
deadlines in the event you have
submissions for future R.R.C. meetings;
March 2006 meeting deadline for materials
is **January 13, 2006 and September 1,
2006 for the October 2006 meeting.**

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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