

Summer 2008

ACGME Welcomes New CEO



Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP, has been named chief executive officer of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Nasca comes to the ACGME from Thomas Jefferson

University in Philadelphia where he was dean of the Jefferson Medical College, senior vice president for academic affairs, and president of Jefferson University Physicians. Dr. Nasca is a board-certified internist and nephrologist, and brings 26 years of graduate medical education experience to the ACGME.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to join the ACGME and to succeed its outstanding and visionary leader for the past 10 years, David C. Leach, MD," said Dr. Nasca in an ACGME news release announcing his appointment. "I hope to enhance the ACGME's legacy of excellence and sustain our commitment to improve the health of the public through outstanding graduate medical education for the future physicians of the United States."

He succeeds Dr. Leach, who retired in Fall 2007.

RRC Updates

RRC Member and Staff Changes

The RRC welcomes Michael Koch, MD, Indiana University as its new chair, and Michael Coburn, MD, Baylor College of Medicine, as its new vice-chair. Their terms began on July 1, 2008 and will run through June 30, 2010.

The RRC expressed its gratitude to two departing members, Ian Thompson, MD, from the University of Texas Health Science Center, for his six years of service to the RRC, including his time as chair, Kenneth A. Kropp, MD, University of Toledo College of Medicine, for his six years of service to the RRC.

The RRC elected Brian R. Lane, MD, to a second one-year term as the resident member, beginning on July 1, 2008.

The RRC welcomed two new members: Willie Underwood, III, MD, Wayne State University, and Martha K. Terris, MD, Medical College of Georgia.

With the retirement of Paul O'Connor, PhD, Peggy Simpson, EdD has been appointed the new Executive Director for the Urology RRC. Dr. Simpson also works with the RRCs for Plastic Surgery, Surgery, and Thoracic Surgery.

Minimum Numbers: Index Cases

The RRC has developed minimum numbers

for various index cases. These minimum numbers will be effective July 1, 2009. Once the information is available, it will be posted to the Urology RRC webpage, and program directors will be notified through an upcoming ACGME e-Communication.

Ultrasound

The RRC received correspondence asking to add ultrasound to the list of index cases. The Committee decided not to add ultrasound to the index cases but to mention this procedure in the Program Requirements as an indication that it is an important part of the specialty.

Program Requirements Guidelines

The RRC is developing guidelines for program directors for use in the interpretation of the Program Requirements. These will appear on the RRC webpage.

Accreditation Decisions, June 2008

Urology – 119 Accredited Programs

Continued Accreditation	14
Propose Probation	01
Propose Reduction in Resident Complement	02
Deferral	01
Other requests (progress reports, temporary increases, changes to participating sites, etc.)	10

Pediatric Urology – 22 Accredited Programs

2 Continued Accreditation

RRC Meeting and Agenda Closing Date

Meeting: December 3, 2008
Agenda Closing: October 10, 2008

Meeting: June 4-5, 2009
Agenda Closing: April 3, 2009

“Program Director Guide to the Common Program Requirements”

To help clarify the meaning and expectations of the Common Program Requirements, the “Program Director Guide to the Common Program Requirements” is available on www.acgme.org. RRC members, RRC staff, ACGME field staff, and program directors across specialties all provided review and input. The Guide will be regularly revised based on user feedback and as requirements change. Please email comments and suggestions to: Guide@acgme.org.

Communicating with the RRC Programs are reminded that change requests are required to be submitted via the Accreditation Data System (ADS) www.acgme.org/ads. Hard copy letters of requests are no longer accepted. The following change requests may be submitted:

- Program Director Changes
- Requests for permanent and/or temporary increases in resident complement
- Additions/deletions of participating sites.

For ADS log-in assistance, please contact the ADS helpdesk at WebADS@acgme.org or 312/755-7456.

ACGME Educational Conference 2008 Recap

Each year, the ACGME Annual Educational Conference provides a venue for graduate medical educators to learn more about the accreditation process and ways to enhance residency program quality related to ACGME initiatives, such as general competencies, educational outcome assessment, and duty hours. This year's conference theme “Building Community,

Improving Quality” emphasized how better education and better patient care can occur when individuals in diverse roles work together toward shared goals.

Post-conference information is available at: http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/meetings/me_EducConf_08.asp

Next year’s Educational Conference is scheduled for March 5-8, 2009 in Grapevine, TX.

Accreditation Data System
The ACGME’s online ADS alerts the RRC to changes in programs. Program directors should update ADS to:

- Notify the RRC of any changes in their program (i.e., new program director or adding or deleting a site)
- Request a change which needs RRC approval (i.e., an increase in resident complement). The request for a permanent increase in the resident complement must include a copy of the institutional data for all participating sites. Only one academic or one calendar year of data is necessary.
- Submit the academic year “Annual Update” (ADS staff will e-mail the deadline for updating faculty and resident rosters)
- Prepare for an upcoming site visit (the ADS will populate many sections of the PIF with the data entered)

Address your questions or concerns about ADS to the ADS representative at webADS@acgme.org.

Importance of Correct Email Addresses in ADS

Please check that email addresses for program directors and program coordinators are current in ADS. Correct email addresses

allow programs to receive important ACGME communications.

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