

Justification/Impact Statement
Proposed Revisions to the Program Requirements for
Psychiatry

1. Impact on resident education

How will the proposed changes improve the quality of resident education?

The Psychiatry Committee anticipates that the proposed revisions will improve the quality of resident education on the basis of the following:

- a. The length and purpose of resident rotations are more clearly defined;
- b. Didactic and clinical training standards are organized under each of the six ACGME competencies; and,
- c. Requirements for resident, faculty, and program evaluation are designed to identify opportunities to improve educational program outcomes (e.g., assessment of resident competencies, program goals, and faculty teaching).

2. Impact on patient care

a. *How will the proposed change affect the way the resident, the service, and the staff provide the patients with continuing care? (Answer if appropriate to the change.)*

b. *Will there be any additional costs for patient care?*

N/A

3. Impact on faculty resources

Will an increase in number of faculty from within the discipline or from other disciplines be required? If so, please explain.

Although no increase in number of faculty is anticipated, the proposed change more explicitly defines the qualifications for departments of psychiatry. This clarification affirms that Department Chairs must be appropriately qualified physicians. Any program with a non-physician as Department Chair will need to make appropriate change which may entail an added resource cost.

4. Impact on Institutional facilities, services, faculty
 - a. Will there be required institutional resources for the educational or service unit as a result of the proposed change?
 - b. How will other services or departments of the institution be affected by the change?

N/A

5. Impact on other services and educational programs in the institution

- a. If these changes are implemented, will there be an adequate volume and variety of patients to provide proper educational resources in the institutions(s)?*

Yes, no impact on patient resource requirements is anticipated.

- b. How will other services or departments of the institution be affected by the change?*

No impact on other services or departments is anticipated.

6. Implementation

- a. When is the effective date of this proposed change? Please rationalize the requested effective date based upon the need for faculty, institutional services, financial, or other support.*

The Committee requests an effective date of January 1, 2007 on the basis that the proposed changes have been discussed with psychiatry stakeholder organizations, including the program directors' organization, and no change is proposed that cannot be met by this date.