

## **Overview of the ACGME**

- The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education is a private, nonprofit council that evaluates and accredits medical residency programs in the United States. The ACGME was established in 1981 from a consensus in the academic medical community for an independent accrediting organization. Its forerunner was the Liaison Committee for Graduate Medical Education, established in 1972.
- The ACGME's chief executive officer is Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP.
- The mission of the ACGME is to improve health care by assessing and advancing the quality of resident physicians' education through exemplary accreditation.
- The purpose of accreditation is to ensure that residency/fellowship programs are of high educational quality in each medical specialty & subspecialty.
- ACGME accredits US allopathic residency & fellowship programs that meet the standards as outlined in the institutional and program requirements.
- ACGME accredits institutions that sponsor US allopathic residency & fellowship programs that meet the standards as outlined in the institutional requirements.
- The ACGME's member organizations are the American Board of Medical Specialties, American Hospital Association, American Medical Association, Association of American Medical Colleges, and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies. Member organizations each appoint four members to the Board of Directors, which also includes two resident members, three public directors, the chair of the Council of Review Committees, one to four at large directors, and a non-voting federal representative.
- In academic year 2010-2011, there were 8,887 ACGME-accredited residency programs in 130+ specialties and subspecialties. The number of active full-time and part-time residents for academic year 2010-2011 was 113,142.