Preventive Medicine – Aerospace Medicine Milestones

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The Milestones are designed only for use in evaluation of residents or fellows in the context of their participation in ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship programs. The Milestones provide a framework for the assessment of the development of the fellow in key dimensions of the elements of physician competence in a specialty or subspecialty. They neither represent the entirety of the dimensions of the six domains of physician competency, nor are they designed to be relevant in any other context.
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Understanding Milestone Levels and Reporting

This document presents the Milestones, which programs use in a semi-annual review of resident or fellow performance, and then report to the ACGME. Milestones are knowledge, skills, attitudes, and other attributes for each of the ACGME Competencies organized in a developmental framework. The narrative descriptions are targets for resident/fellow performance throughout their educational program.

Milestones are arranged into levels. Tracking from Level 1 to Level 5 is synonymous with moving from novice to expert resident/fellow in the specialty or subspecialty. For each reporting period, the Clinical Competency Committee will review the completed evaluations to select the milestone levels that best describe each learner’s current performance, abilities, and attributes for each subcompetency.

These levels do not correspond with post-graduate year of education. Depending on previous experience, a junior resident/fellow may achieve higher levels early in his/her educational program just as a senior resident/fellow may be at a lower level later in his/her educational program. There is no predetermined timing for a resident/fellow to attain any particular level. Residents/fellows may also regress in achievement of their milestones. This may happen for many reasons, such as over scoring in a previous review, a disjointed experience in a particular procedure, or a significant act by the resident/fellow.

Selection of a level implies the resident/fellow substantially demonstrates the milestones in that level, as well as those in lower levels (see the diagram on page vi).
Additional Notes

Level 4 is designed as a graduation goal but does not represent a graduation requirement. Making decisions about readiness for graduation and unsupervised practice is the purview of the program director. Furthermore, Milestones 2.0 include revisions and changes that preclude using Milestones as a sole assessment in high-stakes decisions (i.e., determination of eligibility for certification or credentialing). Level 5 is designed to represent an expert resident/fellow whose achievements in a subcompetency are greater than the expectation. Milestones are primarily designed for formative, developmental purposes to support continuous quality improvement for individual learners, education programs, and the specialty. The ACGME and its partners will continue to evaluate and perform research on the Milestones to assess their impact and value.

Some milestone descriptions include statements about performing independently. These activities must occur in conformity to ACGME supervision guidelines as described in the Program Requirements, as well as to institutional and program policies. For example, a fellow who performs a procedure independently must, at a minimum, be supervised through oversight.

A Supplemental Guide is also available to provide the intent of each subcompetency, examples for each level, assessment methods or tools, and other available resources. The Supplemental Guide, like examples contained within the Milestones, is designed only to assist the program director and Clinical Competency Committee, and is not meant to demonstrate any required element or outcome.

Additional resources are available in the Milestones section of the ACGME website. Follow the links under “What We Do” at www.acgme.org.
The diagram below presents an example set of milestones for one sub-competency in the same format as the ACGME Report Worksheet. For each reporting period, a resident’s/fellow’s performance on the milestones for each sub-competency will be indicated by selecting the level of milestones that best describes that resident’s/fellow’s performance in relation to those milestones.

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Selecting a response box in the middle of a level implies that milestones in that level and in lower levels have been substantially demonstrated.

Selecting a response box on the line in between levels indicates that milestones in lower levels have been substantially demonstrated as well as some milestones in the higher level(s).
### Patient Care 1: Health and Performance Optimization

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<td>Identifies techniques to improve human performance</td>
<td>Describes techniques to improve human performance</td>
<td>Uses techniques to improve human performance at the individual level</td>
<td>Directs the evaluation of techniques to improve human performance</td>
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<td>Identifies risks factors for development of disease and injury</td>
<td>Describes approach to decrease risk factors for development of disease and injury</td>
<td>Develops a plan using primary, secondary, and tertiary approaches for disease and injury prevention for an individual patient</td>
<td>Develops a plan using primary, secondary, and tertiary approaches for disease and injury prevention for the community</td>
<td>Develops and implements a policy to improve community health efforts</td>
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<td>Acquires a history and performs a basic physical exam to assess for workplace or environmental exposures</td>
<td>Assesses work-relatedness of common workplace problems</td>
<td>Formulates a differential diagnosis, assessment, treatment, and plan, including return-to-work accommodations for simple cases</td>
<td>Formulates a differential diagnosis, assessment, treatment, and plan, including return-to-work accommodations for complex cases</td>
<td>Independently manages complex occupational injury and illness, using system-wide resources</td>
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<td>Identifies individuals meeting all physical qualifications</td>
<td>Uses medical standards to identify disqualifying conditions</td>
<td>Selects and interprets medical standards applicable to the operational situation</td>
<td>Applies medical standards to certify or grant exceptions or waivers</td>
<td>Develops medical standards for certification or to grant exceptions or waivers</td>
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<td>Lists the exposure levels and adverse effects of workplace hazards</td>
<td>Recommends prevention and mitigation of workplace hazards</td>
<td>Assesses effectiveness of prevention and mitigation of workplace hazards, and provides treatment to exposed individuals</td>
<td>Assesses effectiveness of prevention and mitigation of workplace hazards for at-risk populations</td>
<td>Modifies or develops exposure standards</td>
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<td>Demonstrates basic skills in emergency medical care</td>
<td>Identifies key aspects of emergency preparedness programs and triage concepts</td>
<td>Participates in emergency preparedness programs (simulated or actual)</td>
<td>Develops and evaluates the medical portion of an emergency plan</td>
<td>Develops, implements, and evaluates emergency preparedness programs</td>
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<td>Performs a history and physical examination, identifying significant historical events and findings on physical examination; formulates a broad differential diagnosis and initial assessment and plan</td>
<td>Performs an accurate history and physical examination, identifying significant historical events and findings on physical examination; formulates an accurate differential diagnosis, assessment, and plan</td>
<td>Identifies illness or injury and level of acuity; initiates diagnosis-specific treatment and intervention</td>
<td>Manages critical illness or injury within the standard of care for the clinical scenario and available medical resources</td>
<td>Triages and prioritizes use of available medical resources for multiple patients with complex conditions</td>
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<td>Identifies the hazards of aviation and space flight, including acceleration, radiation, microgravity, hypobaria, hypoxia, and isolation</td>
<td>Describes the adverse health risks and mitigation and counter measures of aviation and space flight</td>
<td>Participates in passenger, crew, and physician health education about the adverse health risks and mitigation and counter measures of aviation and space flight</td>
<td>Performs passenger, crew, and physician health education about the adverse health risks and mitigation and counter measures of aviation and space flight</td>
<td>Designs and advances health education activities to promote flight safety</td>
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<td>Identifies life support systems for air and space flight</td>
<td>Describes life support systems for air and space flight</td>
<td>Operates life support systems for air and space flight</td>
<td>Troubleshoots life support systems for air and space flight</td>
<td>Analyzes and recommends life support systems for air and space flight</td>
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<td>Lists elements of operational medical support for launch, flight, orbital operations, and landing, including air frames, space habitats, and support systems</td>
<td>Describes key elements of operational medical support for launch, flight, orbital operations, and landing, including air frames, space habitats, and support systems</td>
<td>Participates in planning of operational medical support for launch, flight, orbital operations, and landing, considering air frames, space habitats, and support systems</td>
<td>Provides operational medical support in the field for launch, flight, orbital operations, and landing, considering air frames, space habitats, and support systems</td>
<td>Leads, plans, and/or designs operational medical support for launch, flight, orbital operations, and landing, considering air frames, space habitats, and support systems</td>
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<td>Identifies physiologic and clinical criteria for and contraindications to safe aeromedical transport of patients</td>
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<td>Identifies biomedical equipment to support air and space flight</td>
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<td>Recognizes and defines common statistical concepts and tests</td>
<td>Describes that statistics is a method for making population inferences from sample data</td>
<td>Critically appraises statistical methods in published research</td>
<td>Selects and applies statistical tests appropriate to the data being analyzed</td>
<td>Synthesizes results of statistical analysis to make correct population inferences</td>
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<td>Recognizes and defines basic measures of disease frequency</td>
<td>Recognizes and defines basic measures for comparing risk</td>
<td>Describes methods for calculating basic measures of disease frequency and risk</td>
<td>Calculates measures of disease frequency and one or more risk factors for a specified disease or condition</td>
<td>Uses data to characterize and compare the health of populations, and assesses the importance of different risk factors</td>
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<td>Describes commonly used epidemiologic concepts</td>
<td>Critically appraises, epidemiologic literature for study designs, identifying purpose, population, design, and biases</td>
<td>Selects and applies epidemiologic methods appropriate to the population and risk factors being studied</td>
<td>Designs and conducts an epidemiologic study</td>
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<td>Identifies relevant regulatory agencies and their jurisdictions for aeromedical certification, flight safety, mishap and hazard response, and aviation and space operations</td>
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# Systems-Based Practice 1: Patient Safety and Quality Improvement

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<td><strong>Demonstrates knowledge of common patient safety events</strong></td>
<td><strong>Identifies system factors that lead to patient safety events</strong></td>
<td><strong>Participates in analysis of patient safety events (simulated or actual)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Conducts analysis of patient safety events and offers error prevention strategies (simulated or actual)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Actively engages teams and processes to modify systems to prevent patient safety events</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Demonstrates knowledge of how to report patient safety events</strong></td>
<td><strong>Reports patient safety events through institutional reporting systems (simulated or actual)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Participates in disclosure of patient safety events to patients and families (simulated or actual)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Discloses patient safety events to patients and families (simulated or actual)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Role models or mentors others in the disclosure of patient safety events</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Demonstrates knowledge of basic quality improvement methodologies and metrics</strong></td>
<td><strong>Describes local quality improvement initiatives (e.g., community vaccination rate, infection rate, smoking cessation)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Participates in local quality improvement initiatives</strong></td>
<td><strong>Demonstrates the skills required to identify, develop, implement, and analyze a quality improvement project</strong></td>
<td><strong>Creates, implements, and assesses quality improvement initiatives at the institutional or community level</strong></td>
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<td>Demonstrates knowledge of care coordination</td>
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<td>Identifies key elements for safe and effective transitions of care and hand-offs</td>
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<td>Demonstrates knowledge of population and community health needs and disparities</td>
<td>Identifies specific population and community health needs and inequities for their local population</td>
<td>Uses local resources effectively to meet the needs of a patient population and community</td>
<td>Participates in changing and adapting practice to provide for the needs of specific populations</td>
<td>Leads innovations and advocates for populations and communities with health care inequities</td>
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## Systems-Based Practice 4: Physician Role in Health Care Systems

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<td>Identifies key components of the complex health care system (e.g., hospital, skilled nursing facility, finance, personnel, technology)</td>
<td>Describes how components of a complex health care system are interrelated, and how this impacts patient care</td>
<td>Discusses how individual practice affects the broader system</td>
<td>Manages various components of the complex health care system to provide efficient and effective patient care and transition of care</td>
<td>Advocates for or leads systems change that enhances high-value, efficient and effective patient care and transition of care</td>
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<td>Describes basic health payment systems, (e.g., employer, government, private, public, uninsured care) and practice models</td>
<td>Delivers care with consideration of each patient’s payment model (e.g., insurance type)</td>
<td>Engages with patients in shared decision making, informed by each patient’s payment models</td>
<td>Advocates for patient care needs (e.g., community resources, patient assistance resources) with consideration of the limitations of each patient’s payment model</td>
<td>Participates in health policy advocacy activities</td>
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<td>Identifies basic knowledge domains for effective transition to practice (e.g., information technology, legal, billing and coding, financial, personnel)</td>
<td>Describes core administrative knowledge needed for transition to practice (e.g., contract negotiations, malpractice insurance, government regulation, compliance)</td>
<td>Demonstrates use of information technology required for medical practice (e.g., electronic health record, documentation required for billing and coding)</td>
<td>Analyzes practice patterns and professional requirements in preparation for practice</td>
<td>Educates others to prepare them for transition to practice</td>
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## Practice-Based Learning and Improvement 1: Evidence-Based and Informed Practice

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<td>Demonstrates how to access and use available evidence, and incorporate patient preferences and values in order to take care of a routine patient</td>
<td>Articulates clinical questions and elicits patient preferences and values in order to guide evidence-based care</td>
<td>Locates and applies the best available evidence, integrated with patient preference, to the care of complex patients</td>
<td>Critically appraises and applies evidence even in the face of uncertainty and conflicting evidence to guide care, tailored to the individual patient</td>
<td>Coaches others to critically appraise and apply evidence for complex patients; and/or participates in the development of guidelines</td>
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### Practice-Based Learning and Improvement 2: Reflective Practice and Commitment to Personal Growth

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<td>Accepts responsibility for personal and professional development by establishing goals.</td>
<td>Demonstrates openness to performance data (feedback and other input) in order to inform goals.</td>
<td>Seeks performance data episodically, with adaptability, and humility.</td>
<td>Intentionally seeks performance data consistently with adaptability, and humility.</td>
<td>Role models consistently seeking performance data with adaptability and humility.</td>
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<td>Identifies the factors which contribute to gap(s) between expectations and actual performance.</td>
<td>Analyzes and reflects on the factors which contribute to gap(s) between expectations and actual performance.</td>
<td>Analyzes, reflects on, and institutes behavioral change(s) to narrow the gap(s) between expectations and actual performance.</td>
<td>Challenges assumptions and considers alternatives in narrowing the gap(s) between expectations and actual performance.</td>
<td>Coaches others on reflective practice.</td>
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<td>Actively seeks opportunities to improve.</td>
<td>Designs and implements a learning plan, with prompting.</td>
<td>Independently creates and implements a learning plan.</td>
<td>Uses performance data to measure the effectiveness of the learning plan and when necessary, improves it.</td>
<td>Facilitates the design and implementation of learning plans for others.</td>
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<td>Identifies basic ethical principles of medicine</td>
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<td>Takes responsibility for task completion and</td>
<td>Performs tasks and responsibilities in a timely manner with appropriate</td>
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<td>Recognizes situations that may impact others’ ability to complete tasks</td>
<td>Proactively works with others to develop and implement strategies to</td>
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<td>identifies factors, behaviors, and strategies</td>
<td>attention to detail in routine situations</td>
<td>attention to priority and detail in complex or stressful situations</td>
<td>and responsibilities in a timely manner and proposes alternate</td>
<td>ensure that the needs of patients, teams, and systems are met</td>
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<td>Recognizes the importance of addressing personal and professional well-being of self and others</td>
<td>Recognizes institutional resources that are meant to promote well-being of self and others</td>
<td>Describes institutional factors that affect the well-being of self and others</td>
<td>Describes institutional factors and programs that positively or negatively affect well-being of self and others</td>
<td>Creates institutional level interventions that promote well-being of self and others</td>
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This subcompetency is not intended to evaluate a resident’s or fellow’s well-being. Rather, the intent is to ensure that each resident or fellow has the fundamental knowledge of factors that affect well-being, the mechanisms by which those factors affect well-being, and available resources and tools to improve well-being.
### Interpersonal and Communication Skills 1: Patient- and Family-Centered Communication

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<td>Uses language and nonverbal behavior to demonstrate respect and establish rapport</td>
<td>Establishes a therapeutic relationship in straightforward encounters using active listening and clear language</td>
<td>Establishes a therapeutic relationship in challenging patient encounters</td>
<td>Independently, uses shared decision making to align patient/family values, and health/occupational goals with aeromedically acceptable treatment options to make a personalized care plan</td>
<td>Mentors others in situational awareness and critical self-reflection to consistently develop positive therapeutic relationships</td>
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<td>Identifies common barriers to effective communication (e.g., language, disability) while accurately communicating own role within the health care system</td>
<td>Identifies complex barriers to effective communication (e.g., health literacy, cultural)</td>
<td>When prompted, reflects on personal biases while attempting to minimize communication barriers</td>
<td>Independently recognizes personal biases while attempting to proactively minimize communication barriers</td>
<td>Role models self-awareness while identifying a contextual approach to minimize communication barriers</td>
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## Interpersonal and Communication Skills 2: Interprofessional and Team Communication

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<td>Respectfully requests a consultation</td>
<td>Clearly and concisely requests a consultation</td>
<td>Checks own understanding of consultant recommendations</td>
<td>Coordinates recommendations from different members of the team and stakeholders to optimize patient care and return to flying duties</td>
<td>Educates consultants on aeromedical significance of certain medical conditions</td>
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<td>Respectfully receives a consultation request</td>
<td>Clearly and concisely responds to a consultation request</td>
<td>Checks recipient’s understanding of recommendations when providing consultation</td>
<td>Discusses consultation with multidisciplinary team, including external stakeholders; determines aeromedical disposition</td>
<td>Role models flexible communication strategies that value input from all team members, resolving conflict when needed</td>
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<td>Uses language that values all members of the team</td>
<td>Communicates information effectively with all team members</td>
<td>Uses active listening to adapt communication style to fit team needs</td>
<td>Facilitates regular team-based feedback in complex situations</td>
<td>Communicates feedback and constructive criticism to superiors</td>
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<td>Solicits feedback on performance as a member of the team</td>
<td>Communicates concerns and provides feedback to peers and learners</td>
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<td>Accurately records information in the patient record</td>
<td>Demonstrates organized diagnostic and therapeutic reasoning through notes in the patient record</td>
<td>Concisely reports diagnostic and therapeutic reasoning in the patient record and aeromedical waiver or Special Issuance narrative</td>
<td>Communicates clearly, concisely, timely, and in an organized written form, including anticipatory guidance</td>
<td>Creates local, regional or national medical documentation standards</td>
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<td>Safeguards patient personal health information</td>
<td>Documents required data in formats specified by institutional policy</td>
<td>Appropriately selects direct (e.g., telephone, in-person, telemedicine) and indirect (e.g., progress notes, text messages) forms of communication based on context</td>
<td>Achieves written or verbal communication (e.g., patient notes, email) that serves as an example for others to follow</td>
<td>Guides departmental or institutional policies and procedures around communication</td>
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<td>Communicates through appropriate channels as required by institutional policy (e.g., patient safety reports, cell phone/pager usage)</td>
<td>Respectfully communicates concerns about the system</td>
<td>Uses appropriate channels to offer clear and constructive suggestions to improve the system</td>
<td>Initiates difficult conversations with appropriate stakeholders to improve the system</td>
<td>Facilitates dialogue regarding systems issues among larger community stakeholders (institution, health care system, field)</td>
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**Comments:**

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