Dear Preventive Medicine Community,

The Review Committee for Preventive Medicine will soon start the major revision of its Program Requirements. This is the scheduled review of the requirements specific to preventive medicine that occurs every 10 years, and follows the recent major revision of the Common Program Requirements that are effective July 1, 2019.

The Review Committee will request comments several times during the process, before any revision is drafted, and again after an initial draft of the Requirements is written. The Committee values participation of the preventive medicine community and carefully considers each comment received. It is important that you add your input in the event there are areas with differences of opinion within the community.

The revision process will begin with a request to program directors, faculty members, residents, board members, and other stakeholders asking them to review the current Program Requirements for Preventive Medicine and provide recommendations for changes. It is important to think about what the practice of preventive medicine will be when current and future residents are in the workforce. In other words, how can the Program Requirements support future practice in the specialty?

The Review Committee has posed the following questions to begin the process. In providing feedback, the Committee is asking that you consider these questions and add information in any other area you feel is important for the Committee to consider during the revision process.

1. **Master’s Degree Requirement**
   Is completion of a Master's degree essential for future practice in preventive medicine? If a degree is essential, what degrees/emphasis should be required? If a degree is not essential, what specific didactic content must be included as part of the residency?

2. **Preventive Medicine Competencies**
   Are there competencies that will be crucial to the practice of preventive medicine that are not included? Are there competencies that are redundant or no longer necessary?

3. **Curriculum – Direct Patient Care**
   Should the requirement for direct patient care in aerospace medicine, occupational medicine, or public health/general preventive medicine be revised? If so, for which specialty and how should it be revised?

4. **Curriculum – Other**
   What are the advantages and/or disadvantages of creating an option to allow development of a three-year program integrating the pre-clinical year into the preventive medicine residency?
Please provide input using the preliminary feedback form, available: 
https://acgme.org/Specialties/Documents-and-Resources/pfcatid/20/ Preventive%20Medicine Submit completed feedback forms by Monday, October 15 to preventivemedicinedg@acgme.org. The current Program Requirements for Preventive Medicine, including the revised Common Program Requirements, are available: 

An initial draft of the proposed revised requirements will be available for 45 days of public comment during spring 2019. The final requirements must be adopted by the ACGME Board of Directors and will be effective July 1, 2020.

On behalf of the ACGME and the Review Committee for Preventive Medicine, thank you in advance for providing thoughtful input for the Committee to consider as it works on drafting new specialty-specific requirements. Please direct any questions on the requirement review process to Review Committee Executive Director Lorraine Lewis: llewis@acgme.org or 312.755.5043.

Best regards,

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