

NOTE: This information is accurate as of **March 20, 2020**. The ACGME continues to evaluate the COVID-19 pandemic situation on an ongoing basis, and updates will be issued as the situation changes and more information emerges. Please review the latest updates on the ACGME website at www.acgme.org and www.acgme.org/COVID-19.

From the Review Committee for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

The members of the Review Committee for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation want to recognize the extraordinary efforts of the physical medicine and rehabilitation community during this time of crisis. Everyone is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we share your concerns about individual safety, the safety of our families, and the safety of our patients, residents, and fellows.

The Review Committee would like you to focus on your patients and the safety of your residents and fellows. As you know, the ACGME has significantly modified the current accreditation processes to allow you to do this work. The ACGME has posted guidance on the website (<http://www.acgme.org/COVID-19>) that will provide you with the tools you need to care for your patients in this time of crisis and to continue to educate and train the residents and fellows in your programs. The elements of the COVID-19 information on the ACGME website are frequently updated.

The Review Committee would like to remind program directors that at this time you have substantial latitude in the way you meet the Program Requirements. During times like this, you will likely not be operating as you would normally, but we would encourage you to be innovative and find opportunities for unique learning experiences.

Regarding Case Logs, and particularly Case Log minima, it is important to recognize that the ACGME case minima were established for program accreditation. They are used by the Review Committee to determine whether a given program offers a volume and variety of cases sufficient for education of the complement of residents for which the program is accredited. The ACGME Case Log minima were not designed to be a surrogate for the procedural competence of an individual program graduate and are not used in that manner by the Review Committee.

The pandemic is far beyond the control of the programs that the ACGME accredits and will clearly reduce the number of elective procedures performed by the residents in those programs for the foreseeable future. It is up to the

program director, with input from the program's Clinical Competency Committee, to assess the procedural competence of an individual resident as one part of the determination of whether that individual is prepared to enter autonomous practice.

As we all work to keep up with the changing landscape of the COVID-19 impact on our communities and learning environments, we know you will continue to support your residents/fellows and faculty members in a safe and effective learning environment. The Review Committee is committed to supporting that work. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation and address program needs as we are able. Thank you for all the hard work that you do every day, and in this evolving state of affairs.

We will continue to provide updates and clarifications as needed. Please, take care of yourselves, your families, and your clinical care teams. We all need to be supportive of each other. The members of the Review Committee would like to provide all the support we can.