

Review Committee Structure and Responsibilities

Structure

- The ACGME delegates authority to accredit programs/institutions to its Review Committees. The Review Committees are comprised of peer specialists in the field and resident physicians.
- The ACGME has 28 Review Committees (one for each of the 26 specialties, one for a special one-year transitional-year general clinical program, and one for institutional review). Each Review Committee comprises about 6 to 15 volunteer physicians. Members of the Residency Review Committees are appointed by the AMA Council on Medical Education and the appropriate medical specialty boards and organizations. Members of the Institutional Review Committee and Transitional Year Committee are appointed by the ACGME Executive Committee and confirmed by the Board of Directors.
- ACGME administrative teams consisting of an Executive Director and staff members (3-8 per committee) are assigned for each specialty.

Responsibilities

- Establish and periodically revise standards (requirements) for respective specialty/subspecialties (133 sets) and sponsoring institutions (1 set)
- Review Committee recommends proposed standards to ACGME Board of Directors for approval and implementation
- Periodically review programs/institutions substantial compliance with the requirements and render accreditation decisions and cycle lengths
- Advise ACGME (Council of Chairs, Council of Residents) about policies and procedures
- Educate program directors and institutional leaders

Scope of the Work

- 700 accredited institutional sponsors in 50 states
- 400 institutions sponsor multiple programs (2.....120)
- 300 institutions sponsor a single program
- 18 different classifications of institution type (e.g., private office, clinic, medical school, consortia, general/teaching hospitals, etc.)
- 8,800 accredited residency and fellowship programs
- 111,000 residents/fellows currently enrolled
- 2000 accreditation site visits/year