

Transition of American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG) Laboratory Fellowships to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)

Overview

The ABMGG is in the process of transferring the accreditation responsibility of its laboratory fellowships in laboratory genetics and genomics and clinical biochemical genetics to the ACGME. The method by which this transfer will occur is outlined below. Each individual program must go through the application process for ACGME accreditation. Programs should contact Review Committee staff members at the ACGME with questions about the application process, timelines for review of applications, and any other questions about the transition.

How will the process work?

There are three parts to the application process:

1. Common Application (Part I)
 - An application must be initiated in the ACGME's Accreditation Data System (ADS) by the designated institutional official (DIO)
 - The DIO and program director should complete the application together
 - This section includes questions related to the general structure of the fellowship program and the learning environment
2. Specialty-Specific Application (Part II)
 - This portion contains questions related to the specialty educational content of the fellowship program
 - This is a Word document that must be filled out and uploaded into ADS prior to submission of the application
3. Document Uploads (Part III)
 - This portion refers to requested documentation and policies for the program
 - This includes (but is not limited to) program policies and procedures, evaluation forms, and a block diagram

Will a site visit be needed?

An accreditation site visit WILL NOT be performed by the ACGME if the fellowship program is in good standing with the ABMGG and has a status of Continued Accreditation. An accreditation site visit WILL be performed if the ABMGG-accredited fellowship program has a probationary status, or if the program is not currently accredited by the ABMGG.

An accreditation site visit will be scheduled for all programs approximately two years after they receive Initial Accreditation from the ACGME.

When is the transfer/process complete?

All ABMGG-accredited programs are expected to have applied for or achieved ACGME accreditation by December 31, 2020. Programs must work with the ABMGG to ensure their accreditation does not lapse prior to attaining ACGME accreditation. The ACGME and ABMGG will work closely together to ensure a smooth transition for all programs.