SES048: Review Committee for Plastic Surgery Specialty Update

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Objectives

- Overview of the Review Committee
- Accreditation Activity
  - Program Trends
  - Most Frequently Cited Requirements
  - Responding to Citations
- Review Committee Updates
- ACGME Updates
  - Field Activities (Self-Study and 10-Year Site Visits, Assurance Site Visits)
  - Additional Resources/Information
About the ACGME

“The mission of the ACGME is to improve health care and population health by assessing and advancing the quality of resident physicians’ education through accreditation.”
# Review Committee Membership

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What Does the Review Committee Do?

- Peer review

- Determination of a program’s “substantial compliance” against a defined set of standards
What Does the Review Committee Review?

- Resident/Fellow and Faculty Surveys
- Program Information in Accreditation Data System (ADS)
- Response to Citations
- Major Changes
- Graduate Case Log Data
- Certification Examinations
- Site Visit Reports
Data Collection (January - September)

Review Committee Executive Committee Review (November)

Review Committee Review and Decision (January, April)

Program Notification
Accreditation Activity
Accreditation Statuses

- Application
- Initial Accreditation
- Initial w/ Warning
- Continued w/o Outcomes
- Continued w/ Warning
- Probation
- Withdrawal
- Continued Accreditation
# Program Accreditation Statuses

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# Program Complement
## 2023-2024

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Program Trends

Plastic Surgery – Independent
2014-2024

Plastic Surgery – Integrated
2014-2024

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Approved Total Filled Total # of Programs
Five-Year Citation Trends

Plastic Surgery – Independent
Total Citations

Plastic Surgery – Integrated
Total Citations
Five-Year Citation Trends
Plastic Surgery – Independent

PD Responsibilities
Faculty Responsibilities
Service vs Education
Education
Environment
Feedback
Board Exams
Institutional/Resources

Five-Year Citation Trends
Plastic Surgery – Integrated

PD Responsibilities
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Most Frequently Cited Requirements

Program Director Responsibilities

II.A.4.a).(7) The Program director must: provide a learning and working environment in which residents have the opportunity to raise concerns, report mistreatment, and provide feedback in a confidential manner as appropriate, without fear of intimidation or retaliation; (Core)

Faculty Responsibilities

II.B.2.c) Faculty members must: demonstrate a strong interest in the education of residents, including devoting sufficient time to the educational program to fulfill their supervisory and teaching responsibilities; (Core)

Feedback

V.A.1.a) Faculty members must directly observe, evaluate, and frequently provide feedback on resident performance during each rotation or similar educational assignment. (Core)
Most Frequently Cited Requirements

Operative Experience

IV.B.1.b).(2) Residents must be able to perform all medical, diagnostic, and surgical procedures considered essential for the area of practice. (Core)

Appropriate Balance

IV.C.1. The curriculum must be structured to optimize resident educational experiences, the length of the experiences, and the supervisory continuity. These educational experiences include an appropriate blend of supervised patient care responsibilities, clinical teaching, and didactic educational events. (Core)

80 Hours

VI.F.1. Clinical and educational work hours must be limited to no more than 80 hours per week, averaged over a four-week period, inclusive of all in-house clinical and educational activities, clinical work done from home, and all moonlighting. (Core)
Most Frequently Cited Requirements

Board Pass Rate

V.C.3.a) For specialties in which the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) member board and/or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) certifying board offer(s) an annual written exam, in the preceding three years, the program’s aggregate pass rate of those taking the examination for the first time must be higher than the bottom fifth percentile of programs in that specialty. 

(Outcome)

V.C.3.c) For specialties in which the ABMS member board and/or AOA certifying board offer(s) an annual oral exam, in the preceding three years, the program’s aggregate pass rate of those taking the examination for the first time must be higher than the bottom fifth percentile of programs in that specialty. 

(Outcome)

- Board pass rate will **change** every year
- Must be higher than fifth percentile or 80%

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Responding to Citations

When reviewing responses to citations, the Review Committee considers:

- Does the program *understand the reason* why they are not in compliance?
- Is there an explicit statement of how the program engaged the faculty/residents/fellows/institution in the *identification of the problem(s)* and creation of an action plan?
- Are there *actionable items* implemented by the program and/or institution that directly addressed the program requirement(s) out of compliance?
- Is there an explicit identification of how the program will *monitor and sustain improvement*?

Citation responses are taken into consideration along with supporting materials (most recent Resident/Fellow and Faculty Surveys, major changes, performance metrics, graduate Case Logs, site visit report, etc.)
Review Committee Updates
Hand Surgery Case Requirements

- Previous category of “wrist arthrodesis, limited or complete” changed to new syntax: “wrist arthroplasty/arthrodesis, limited or complete”
- CPT code updates available on Plastic Surgery Documents and Resources webpage
- Changes effective August 1, 2023, with the 2023-2024 graduates
- Review for potential areas for improvement/citations will begin with the 2024-2025 graduates
Joint Plastic Surgery-Hand Surgery (JPSHS) 5+1 Pathway

- Accelerated track leading to American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS) certification in both plastic surgery and hand surgery
- The plastic surgery and hand surgery programs *should* be sponsored by the same ACGME-accredited Sponsoring Institution; exceptions allowed for programs in close geographic proximity
- The hand surgery program *must* be accredited by the Review Committee for Plastic Surgery
- Both programs *must* have held a status of Continued Accreditation for a minimum of five years
- Additional information about application process available on [Plastic Surgery Documents and Resources webpage](https://www.plasticsurgery.org/documents-and-resources)
ACGME Updates
Field Activity Updates

Self-Study and 10-Year Site Visits

• No longer scheduling 10-year accreditation site visits for programs
• Programs encouraged to incorporate a Self-Study into the Annual Program Evaluation process and track ongoing progress and program improvements as outlined in the Common Program Requirements (V.C.2.)
• Contact the Institutional Review Committee (irc@acgme.org) for questions regarding Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) oversight relating to the program Self-Study

Site Visits for Programs on Continued Accreditation Statuses

• The ACGME will conduct site visits annually for 1-2% of programs on Continued Accreditation that have not had a site visit in approximately 10 years
  • All selected programs for 2024 were notified in January
• Review Committees can request site visits for programs on any Continued Accreditation status at their discretion (e.g., prompted by the annual data review or complaint)
Survey Crosswalk

Resident/Fellow Survey

• [https://www.acgme.org/globalassets/pfassets/programresources/residentsurvey_cprcrosswalk.pdf](https://www.acgme.org/globalassets/pfassets/programresources/residentsurvey_cprcrosswalk.pdf)

Faculty Survey

• [https://www.acgme.org/globalassets/pfassets/programresources/facultysurvey_cprcrosswalk.pdf](https://www.acgme.org/globalassets/pfassets/programresources/facultysurvey_cprcrosswalk.pdf)
Remediation Toolkit

- 11 modules authored by renowned experts in the field
- Equips participants with tools for addressing needs of struggling learners
- CME offered after completion

The ACGME designates this enduring material for a maximum of 5.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™
Applying for Program Accreditation Course

- Three-part course and **step-by-step guide**
- For those **new** to the process, as well as a refresher for **experienced** users
- Explanation of key steps, timeline, and the **review process** after submission
Program Coordinator Course

- For **new and seasoned** coordinators
- Covers a **wide range of topics** important to program coordinators
- **Videos** from working coordinators
- Summer 2024
Thank You
Questions?