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Public Member Nominations Review Committee for Orthopaedic Surgery

The Review Committee is accepting nominations for a new public member. This individual should be thoughtful and possess analytical abilities with an interest in health care, but not a direct involvement in patient care or graduate medical education.

The goal for having a public member includes: introducing a sensibility of the perceptions of the public, fostering accountability to the needs of the greater public, soliciting outside expertise, and creating a transparency to the work of the Committee.

ACGME Background Information

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) is a private professional organization responsible for the accreditation of more than 12,000 residency and fellowship education programs. Residency education is the period of clinical education in a medical specialty that follows graduation from medical school and prepares physicians for the independent practice of medicine. Fellowship education, which follows residency, is more specialized; not all those who complete residency enter a fellowship. The ACGME's volume of accredited programs makes it one of the largest private accrediting agencies in the country.

To develop and refine its accreditation standards and to review accredited programs for compliance with its requirements, the ACGME relies on experts in the various medical specialties who form specialty-specific committees, known as Review Committees.

Review Committee Function and Purpose

The function of an ACGME Review Committee is to set accreditation standards and to provide peer evaluation of specialty and subspecialty residency programs. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess whether the program is in substantial compliance with the published set of ACGME educational requirements, and to confer accreditation statuses on programs.

The inclusion of a public member to the Review Committee will provide transparency and earn public trust in this accreditation process. The Review Committee oversees the accreditation activities for 464 residency and fellowship programs. The public member must attend three Committee meetings per year, in January, April, and September, as well as an observation meeting in April 2022. The duration of the meetings is one-and-a half days. The selected candidate will be encouraged to attend two Council of Public Members meetings annually in May and November.

**Note: During and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, conduct of in-person meetings will depend on ACGME organization-wide decisions and prioritization of the health and safety of staff members and volunteers. This information will be communicated as decisions are made.*

Public Member Experience

The nominee's experience may include health care policy and/or reform, health services research, management, finance, medical education, or management responsibilities in a health care-related industry. Please see the attached criteria for more information.

Public Member Term

Individual(s) selected and approved to serve as the public member shall be appointed for a six-year term beginning July 1, 2022.

Information about the Review Committee and the ACGME can be found at www.acgme.org. Policies and procedures for Review Committees are located in the ACGME Manual of Policies and Procedures (located in the "About Us" section of the website).

Anyone interested in the public member position should email Jennifer Luna, Associate Executive Director for the Review Committee for Orthopaedic Surgery (jluna@acgme.org) for the nominee forms.

All completed nominee forms and any attachments must be received by August 1, 2021.

Criteria for a Public Member Nominee

The Review Committee for Orthopaedic Surgery will select the nominee based on its current needs, the nominee's professional qualifications, geographic distribution, and diversity in gender and race to recommend for confirmation by the ACGME Board of Directors. In making its selection, the Committee will assess each nominee's qualifications according to the following criteria:

1. Nominees should have evidence of a distinguished and advanced career.
2. Nominees should have experience and a skillset that will allow them an understanding of the work of the Review Committee.
3. Nominees should have a demonstrated history of leadership and membership in public organizations.
4. Nominees should not be a physician.
5. Nominees should not have direct involvement in graduate medical education.
6. Nominees must be able to ethically maintain the confidentiality of the work of the Review Committee.
7. Nominees must be skilled in the use of computers, as Review Committee members use electronic systems for many accreditation activities.
8. Nominees must not be employed by the same program or institution as current Review Committee members. This includes:
 - a. Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California
 - b. Emory Orthopaedics Center, Atlanta, Georgia
 - c. University of Kansas, Kansas City, Kansas
 - d. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
 - e. Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota
 - f. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, New Hampshire
 - g. University of Rochester, Rochester, New York
 - h. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 - i. University of South Carolina, Greenville, South Carolina
 - j. East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee
 - k. University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vermont
9. Nominees must be able and willing to devote sufficient time to the Review Committee's work.