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# What Is Medical Education?

Although this book will focus on graduate medical education (GME), it is important that residency program coordinators know and understand all three components of medical education: undergraduate medical education (UME), GME, and continuing medical education (CME). Knowing where your residents came from and where they are going after training will help you better understand the role of GME in the professional and clinical development of physicians.

For more information on the topics and organizations discussed throughout the book, see the Resources section at the end of each chapter.

## Undergraduate Medical Education

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Medical school is the first step of formal medical education in the United States. Many college students prepare for medical school by pursuing a degree in the biological sciences, although doing so is not a prerequisite—they may enter the field with degrees in anything from engineering to fine arts. Although many enter medical school immediately after receiving their undergraduate degrees in a related field, the medicine bug can bite at almost any time.

### *Philosophies of medicine*

There are two main philosophies of medicine: allopathic and osteopathic. Prospective medical students must decide which of these two types of medical school they would like to attend. The majority of physicians in the United States are graduates of allopathic medical schools.

Allopathic physicians treat diseases using remedies that aim to stop the effects of that disease's symptoms (Encarta Dictionary). Osteopathic medicine takes a whole-body approach to treating a patient, looking at how a disease in one part of the body affects other parts of the body.

Figure 1.1

Specialty Boards and Their Websites

<b>American Board of Medical Specialties</b>	
Specialty board	Website
Allergy and immunology	<a href="http://www.abai.org">www.abai.org</a>
Anesthesiology	<a href="http://www.theaba.org">www.theaba.org</a>
Colon and rectal surgery	<a href="http://www.abcrs.org">www.abcrs.org</a>
Dermatology	<a href="http://www.abderm.org">www.abderm.org</a>
Emergency medicine	<a href="http://www.abem.org">www.abem.org</a>
Family medicine	<a href="http://www.theabfm.org">www.theabfm.org</a>
Internal medicine	<a href="http://www.abim.org">www.abim.org</a>
Medical genetics	<a href="http://www.abmgg.org">www.abmgg.org</a>
Neurological surgery	<a href="http://www.abns.org">www.abns.org</a>
Nuclear medicine	<a href="http://www.abnm.org">www.abnm.org</a>
Obstetrics and gynecology	<a href="http://www.abog.org">www.abog.org</a>
Ophthalmology	<a href="http://www.abop.org">www.abop.org</a>
Orthopedic surgery	<a href="http://www.abos.org">www.abos.org</a>
Otolaryngology	<a href="http://www.aboto.org">www.aboto.org</a>
Pathology	<a href="http://www.abpath.org">www.abpath.org</a>
Pediatrics	<a href="http://www.abp.org">www.abp.org</a>
Physical medicine and rehabilitation	<a href="http://www.abpmr.org">www.abpmr.org</a>
Plastic surgery	<a href="http://www.abplasticsurgery.org">www.abplasticsurgery.org</a>
Preventive medicine	<a href="http://www.theabpm.org">www.theabpm.org</a>
Psychiatry and neurology	<a href="http://www.abpn.com">www.abpn.com</a>
Radiology	<a href="http://www.theabr.org">www.theabr.org</a>
Surgery	<a href="http://www.absurgery.org">www.absurgery.org</a>
Thoracic surgery	<a href="http://www.abts.org">www.abts.org</a>
Urology	<a href="http://www.abu.org">www.abu.org</a>

Source: American Board of Medical Specialties, [www.abms.org](http://www.abms.org).

<b>Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists</b>	
Specialty board	Website
Anesthesiology	<a href="https://certification.osteopathic.org/anesthesiology">https://certification.osteopathic.org/anesthesiology</a>
Dermatology	<a href="http://www.aobd.org">www.aobd.org</a>
Emergency medicine	<a href="https://certification.osteopathic.org/emergency-medicine">https://certification.osteopathic.org/emergency-medicine</a>
Family physicians	<a href="http://www.aobfp.org">www.aobfp.org</a>
Internal medicine	<a href="https://certification.osteopathic.org/internal-medicine">https://certification.osteopathic.org/internal-medicine</a>
Neurology and psychiatry	<a href="http://www.aobnp.org">www.aobnp.org</a>

Figure  
1.1**Specialty Boards and Their Websites (continued)**

<b>Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (continued)</b>	
<b>Specialty board</b>	<b>Website</b>
Neuromusculoskeletal medicine	<a href="https://certification.osteopathic.org/neuromusculoskeletal-medicine/">https://certification.osteopathic.org/neuromusculoskeletal-medicine/</a>
Nuclear medicine	<a href="http://www.aobnm.org">www.aobnm.org</a>
Obstetrics and gynecology	<a href="http://aobog.org">http://aobog.org</a>
Ophthalmology and otolaryngology	<a href="http://www.aoboo.org">www.aoboo.org</a>
Orthopedic surgery	<a href="http://www.aobos.org">www.aobos.org</a>
Pathology	<a href="http://www.aobpath.org">www.aobpath.org</a>
Pediatrics	<a href="http://www.aobp.org">www.aobp.org</a>
Physical medicine and rehabilitation	<a href="http://www.aobpmr.org">www.aobpmr.org</a>
Preventive medicine	<a href="http://www.aobpm.org">www.aobpm.org</a>
Proctology	<a href="http://www.aobpr.org">www.aobpr.org</a>
Radiology	<a href="http://www.aobr.org">www.aobr.org</a>
Surgery	<a href="https://certification.osteopathic.org/surgery/">https://certification.osteopathic.org/surgery/</a>

Source: Bureau of Osteopathic Specialties, <https://certification.osteopathic.org/bureau-of-osteopathic-specialists>

few exceptions to this requirement; for example, a children’s hospital may have a pediatric radiology fellowship even though it is not linked to a core diagnostic radiology program.

Non-accredited fellowships—such as minimally invasive laparoscopic fellowships—do not follow the ACGME requirements and are not accredited by that agency.

In addition to single-specialty residency and fellowship training programs, there are also combined training programs that, as the name implies, combine training in more than one specialty. Med-Peds is an example of a core residency that combines training in two specialties: internal medicine and pediatrics. An example of a combined fellowship program is endovascular surgical neuroradiology, which combines training in neurosurgical and catheter techniques and neuroradiology (itself a subspecialty of diagnostic radiology). Trainees in this subspecialty may have completed prerequisite residency training in diagnostic radiology, neurology, or neurological surgery.

There are also programs that emphasize medical research. One such program is the American Board of Radiology’s “Holman Pathway,” which combines residency training with extensive research. Trainees who plan to pursue careers in academic radiology medicine may elect this type of training.

## Basics of Program Accreditation

*By Amy K. Romandine, C-TAGME*

On February 22, 2012, Dr. Thomas J. Nasca, CEO of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), unveiled an updated accreditation model for graduate medical education (GME) programs. With growing public accountability in the ever-changing healthcare environment, it became clear to the ACGME that they needed to build a new accreditation system that would satisfy the many demands on GME.

The ACGME Outcome Project of 1999 built the foundation for the Next Accreditation System (NAS) of 2013, which is now referred to as current/continuous accreditation. By utilizing the six core competencies, the GME community further defined the progression of a physician with specialty-specific, core competency-specific milestones that trainees must reach along the medical education continuum.

The aims of the NAS were as follows:

- Further develop the outcomes-based education model of the Outcome Project by creating educational milestones that are based on core competencies and those are specific to each specialty.
- Build an accreditation model that allows programs to innovate in order to teach current trainees the skills that they may need in the future. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act has changed the way physicians and hospitals are compensated. Physicians are no longer only paid for service but instead paid for performance based on quality and patient satisfaction measures. Quality and safety—not just patient care—are the forefront of the healthcare system. Programs need the flexibility to adjust their curricula to accommodate these and future needs.

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- Increase accountability to the public. There is an ever-growing public demand for responsible government spending. The ACGME now has the ability to provide measures (e.g., milestones, metrics, case logs) and outcomes to those who fund GME (i.e., the U.S. government).
- Reduce the burden that the accreditation process places on programs. There are specific windows of time in which the ACGME will request specific data and outcome metrics from programs. The information reported is less subjective and provides more national objective benchmarks.
- Move toward a continuous improvement process for program growth. Programs are given an annual accreditation status based on the various data points gathered throughout the year. The status options are: continued accreditation, accreditation with warning, or probationary accreditation. The status will be based on the current year's data submitted in the Accreditation Data System (ADS).

### Components of Accreditation

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The pieces of accreditation are driven by particular data elements that create an annual accreditation status that promotes a continuous improvement model in which programs review, reflect, change, measure, reflect, and change again. The components of the annual accreditation status include the following:

- Annual ADS update
- Resident survey
- Graduates' board performance on the certification examination
- Case/Operative log
- Faculty survey
- Milestone data

Each of the components are required annually, except for the milestone data. The milestone data is reported for each resident two times each year: at the midpoint of the academic year and at the end point of the academic year. Consult your ADS profile each year for the exact dates of submission.

### Annual ADS Update

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The annual ADS update may occur at slightly different times of year depending on specialty and program, but it is usually between July and October. Programs have completed this annual update

**Common Program Requirements**

<b>Figure 4.3 Comparison Grid of the CPR effective 2017 and the CPR effective 2019.</b>			
Section	Subsection 2017	CPR effective July 1, 2017	Section Subsection 2019 CPR effective July 1, 2019
CPR includes references to both residents and fellows			
Introduction	A	residency education; essential learning activities; supervision	Introduction There is now a CPR (Residency) and CPR (Fellowship). They are essentially the same with the exception of some modification for fellowships  a statement of philosophy and an emphasis on the crucial role of graduate medical education in the training and development of the physician. It has been reframed using Graduate Medical Education instead of residency; graded authority and responsibility for patient care; life-long learning
		n/a	B. Definition of Specialty  Review Committee must further specify
		n/a	C. Length of Educational Program  Review Committee must further specify
1 - Institutions	A. Sponsoring	Definition; ensures pd has sufficient protected time and financial support	1 - Oversight A. Sponsoring Institution more encompassing definition; program sponsorship by one ACGME accredited sponsoring Institution
	B. Participating Sites		B. Participating Sites definition added;
	B1	PLA and what it includes; renew at least every 5 years. (B.2.a).3-6 removed to the Program Director's Guide	B1 designation of primary clinical site; Review committee may augment
	B2	addition or deletion of participating sites information	B2 PLA approved by DIO; renew at least every 10 years. What the PLA includes is now to be found in the Program Director's Guide and in the Background and Intent box

Figure 5.1

**Section II.A.4 of the ACGME 2017 Common Program Requirements: Who Is Responsible for What?**

ACGME CPR II A	Program Director (PD) Responsibility	Program Coordinator (PC) Support
4.a) Oversight of the didactic and clinical education at all participating sites.	<p>Create and develop a curriculum, including goals and objectives for each rotation at each PGY level.</p> <p>Establish a didactic program that meets the needs of the training program.</p> <p>Ensure that the curriculum includes all clinical components required by the clinical specialty RC and the specialty board.</p>	<p>Work with the PD and faculty to develop and distribute the curriculum. Know the difference between goals and objectives.</p> <p>Develop a grand rounds schedule that includes presenters and topic as directed by the PD. Track attendance at grand rounds and other program conferences. Track competencies met in each conference.</p> <p>Know the RC requirements.</p> <p>Know the appropriate specialty board requirements to ensure that all clinical components are present; understand the RC and specialty clinical requirements, and apply that understanding to assessing the needs of the training program.</p>
4.b) Approve a resident education director at each participating site.	Select a resident education director at each participating site.	Prepare, analyze, and present reports and give input regarding faculty candidates' qualifications, as requested by the PD.
4.c) Approve faculty who will work with the residents.	Select faculty.	Give input on faculty as requested by the PD.
4.d-e) Approve ongoing participation by the faculty based upon evaluation.	Review evaluations to ensure that faculty contribute to the education of residents.	Utilize an evaluation process to prepare, analyze, and present reports on each faculty member. Reports may include evaluations and his or her procedural and patient encounter activities with residents.
4.f) Review resident supervision at all participating sites.	Evaluate resident supervision activities.	Manage tracking or monitoring mechanisms put in place by the PD.
4.g) Prepare and submit accurate and complete information required and requested by the ACGME, including the program's annual resident update to ADS.	<p>ADS: Update demographics and scholarly activity; update program compliance questions. (Task usually delegated to coordinators. However, PDs are responsible for reviewing and ensuring that it is accurate and complete.)</p> <p>Requested information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident case, patient encounter information</li> <li>• Citation updates</li> <li>• Responses to resident complaints</li> <li>• Other requests</li> </ul>	<p>ADS: Regularly access ADS and update resident, program, and faculty information (required annually). PD usually delegates this to the PC.</p> <p>Requested information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case logs or patient encounter information—entered by resident, monitored by coordinator for compliance to requirements and timely entry</li> <li>• Provide data and review</li> </ul>



# Transitioning from AOA to ACGME Accreditation

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In late 2012, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) announced that they were proposing a single graduate medical education (GME) accreditation system (Terry, 2013). The proposal was stimulated by the ACGME's Next Accreditation System (NAS). The single GME accreditation system will allow graduates of allopathic and osteopathic medical schools to complete and achieve a standard set of competencies and milestones in ACGME-accredited residency programs (Miller, Jarvis, Mitchell, & Miser, 2016). Because creating a single unified accreditation system has its limitations and significant challenges, it took until February 2014 for the ACGME and AOA to come together into a single accreditation system and form a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to that effect.

The MOU outlines the process and groundwork for AOA programs to transition to ACGME accreditation. As stated by Miller et al. (2016), the MOU reviewed the expected benefits of a single accreditation system, which include doing the following:

- Eliminating accreditation duplication
- Ensuring that allopathic and osteopathic graduates are eligible to enter and transfer programs without repeating training
- Maintaining universal accountability and achievement of competencies
- Providing cost savings (Miller et al., 2016)

The ACGME and AOA feel that it is essential to the medical profession to standardize, streamline, and strengthen the postdoctoral accreditation process by combining their systems into a single accreditation system.

Figure 8.4

**Sample Exit Interview Summative Evaluation**

Due to the volume of verification requests we receive, we are able to provide you with this summary information in response to your inquiry regarding:										
Dr.										
1. Verification: Our records show that this physician served in the following training program at the University of Buffalo:										
						ACGME approved?		Completed program?		
						Yes	No	Yes	No	
Residency		From		To						
Chief residency		From		To						
Fellowship		From		To						
2. Evaluation of ACGME competencies: Based on demonstrated performance and composite of supervisor evaluations.										
<i>As compared to reasonable expectations for the level of training completed, this resident's/fellow's competence in these skills is rated as:</i>						Superior	Good	Fair	Poor	No Information
Investigatory and analytic thinking										
Knowledge and application of basic and clinically supportive sciences										
<b>Overall medical knowledge</b>										
Creating a therapeutic and ethically sound relationship with patients										
Working within a team										
Listening skills										
<b>Overall interpersonal and communication skills</b>										
Caring and respectful behaviors toward patients and families										
Gathering essential and accurate information about their patients										
Informed decision-making using evidence, judgment, and patient management plans										
Developing and carrying out patient management plans										
Counseling and educating patients and families										
Using IT to support patient care decisions and patient care education										
Performing medical procedures										
Providing preventive and maintenance health services										
Working with a team to provide patient-focused care										
<b>Overall patient care</b>										

Figure  
10.3**Sample Resident Life Cycle and Chief Resident Calendar***Morale cycle of residents: Etiology:*

Anxiety and frustration  
 Overworked and sleep deprived  
 Engagement-detachment dynamics  
 Resembles seasonal affective disorder

*Resident morale:*

## PGY1:

Feelings of inadequacy  
 Time management challenges and inefficiency  
 Sleep deprivation  
 Lack of control over workload  
 Doubts about internal medicine  
 Doubts about the program  
 Depression

## PGY2:

Transition from intern to resident  
 More independent decision-making  
 Confidence vs. overconfidence  
 Career choice decisions

## PGY3:

Detachment  
 Separation anxiety  
 ABIM test preparation

## Chief Resident and Incoming Chief—Year at Glance:

## Chief resident job description:

- Physician/faculty/teacher.
- Role model.
- Administrator.
- Personal development.
- Setting the example and expectations.
- Identification and intervention with problem residents.
- Conflict resolution (be ready to respond; remain neutral when gathering facts; use your program director's experience).
- Anticipate change: Residents always view change as negative, even when it is good for them, because change exacerbates residents' feelings of lack of control over their own lives. Change provides the chief residents with an opportunity to build trust and a sense of team, while strengthening their leadership role. Reduce resident anxiety and frustration by involving residents in the change process.
- Attend program meetings, program evaluation committee meetings, clinical competency committee meetings, resident class meetings, selection committee meetings, and mentor lunches.

# Appendix

## Acronym Lists

### A

AACOM	American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine	<a href="http://www.aacom.org">www.aacom.org</a>
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges	<a href="http://www.aamc.org">www.aamc.org</a>
ABMS	American Board of Medical Specialties	<a href="http://www.abms.org">www.abms.org</a>
ABS	American Board of Surgery	<a href="http://www.absurgery.org">www.absurgery.org</a>
ACCME	Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education	<a href="http://www.accme.org">www.accme.org</a>
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education	<a href="http://www.acgme.org">www.acgme.org</a>
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support	
ACS	American College of Surgeons	<a href="http://www.facs.org">www.facs.org</a>
ADS	Accreditation Data System	<a href="http://www.acgme.org">www.acgme.org</a>
AHME	Association for Hospital Medical Education	<a href="http://www.ahme.org">www.ahme.org</a>
AMA	American Medical Association	<a href="http://www.ama-assn.org">www.ama-assn.org</a>
AMG	American medical school graduate	
AOA	American Osteopathic Association	<a href="http://www.osteopathic.org">www.osteopathic.org</a>
APE	annual program evaluation	
ATLS	advanced trauma life support	

### B

BLS	basic life support	
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### C

CACMS	Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools	<a href="http://www.afmc.ca">www.afmc.ca</a>
CCC	clinical competency committee	<a href="http://www.acgme.org">www.acgme.org</a>

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