Develop a succinct self-study document for use in further program improvement and as documentation for the program's 10-year site visit

The final step is for the self-study group or an individual designated by the group to complete a succinct self-study document that describes the process and key findings in the areas of program aims, the environmental assessment, and program strengths and areas for improvement.

The ACGME’s self-study summary template (see below) does not include information on program strengths and areas for improvement. The rationale for this is to allow programs to conduct a frank assessment. Programs may opt to complete the summary template, and have a separate brief companion document that lists the strengths and areas of improvement that were identified through the self-study.

At the time of the 10-year site visit (12 to 18 months later), the program will be asked to provide a brief written update describing improvements resulting from the self-study. No information will be requested on areas identified during the self-study that have not yet resulted in improvements.

Self-study summary template