


Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education 

## Overview of the ACGME

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**New Program Directors Pre-Course**  
**2008 ACGME Annual Educational Conference**  
 Grapevine, Texas

**Tami Walters**  
 Associate Executive Director  
 Institutional Review Committee

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## Introduction

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- What is the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
  - Mission of the ACGME
  - Function of the ACGME
  - Function of the Review Committees (RRC/IRC)
  - Monitoring the Review Committees
  - Alphabet Soup
  - Why is Accreditation Important to You
  - Approval of Requirements
  - ACGME General Competencies

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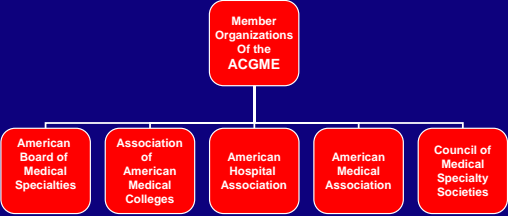
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## Member Organizations of the ACGME

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    A --- C[Association of American Medical Colleges]
    A --- D[American Hospital Association]
    A --- E[American Medical Association]
    A --- F[Council of Medical Specialty Societies]
  
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## ACGME Mission

- ❑ We improve health care by assessing and advancing the quality of resident physicians' education through accreditation.

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## Function of the ACGME

- ❑ Establish national standards for GME
  - *Most current and up-to-date program requirements and institutional requirements are on the ACGME web site [www.acgme.org](http://www.acgme.org)*
- ❑ Establish policies and procedures

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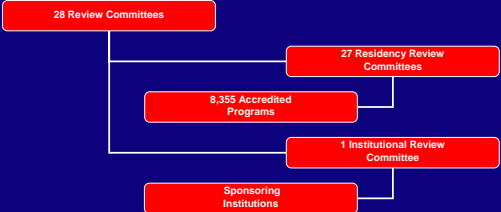
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## Review Committees (RRCs/IRC)



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    A --- C[1 Institutional Review Committee]
    B --- D[8,355 Accredited Programs]
    C --- E[Sponsoring Institutions]
  
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## Appointing Organizations of the Residency Review Committees (RRCs)



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      AMA((American Medical Assoc.)) --- RRC((Residency Review Committee RRC))
      SB((Specialty Board)) --- RRC
      SOC((Society Or College)) --- RRC
  
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## Function of the Review Committees (RRC/IRC)

- Review GME programs and sponsoring institutions
- Determine accreditation status
- Set standards

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## Monitoring of Review Committees (RRC/IRC)

- ACGME Monitoring Committee evaluates performance of each RC
  - *Delegates authority to accredit*
  - *Determines length of delegated authority*
  - *Notes best practices; identifies needs for improvement (progress reports)*

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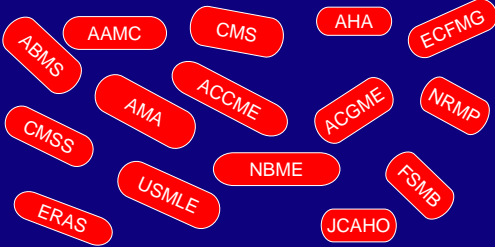
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## Alphabet Soup




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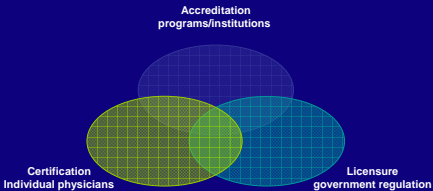
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## What is the Difference?



Accreditation programs/institutions

Certification Individual physicians

Licensure government regulation

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## Why is Accreditation Important to You?

- Medicare GME funding
- Board eligibility
- Licensure
- J-1 Visa
- NRMP, ERAS

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### Approval of Requirements

- Common Program Requirements
- Specialty-specific requirements
- Institutional Requirements

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### ACGME General Competencies

- Patient care
- Medical knowledge
- Practice-based learning and improvement
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-based practice

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