Program Aims

Program aims are a new dimension for the Self-Study. They offer added context for a program’s improvement efforts by focusing on program and institutional leaders’ key expectations for the program, and are elicited through responses to the question, “What types of residents is the program educating; what are their future roles and practice settings?” Aims may focus on some or all of these dimensions: types of trainees accepted into the program, training for particular career options (clinical practice, academics, research, primary/ generalist care), and added objectives, such as care for underserved patients, health policy or advocacy, population health, or generating new knowledge.

The specific questions related to program aims to be answered at the time of the Self-Study:

**Program Description and Aims**

Describe the program and its aims, using information gathered during the self-study.

**Question 1: Program description**

Provide a brief description of your residency/fellowship program, as you would to an applicant or a prospective faculty member. Discuss any notable information about this program. (Maximum 250 words)

**Question 2: Program aims**

Based on information gathered and discussed during the self-study, what are the program’s aims? (Maximum 150 words)

**Question 3: Program activities to advance the aims**

Describe current activities that have been or are being initiated to promote or further these aims. (Maximum 250 words)