


Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education




Review Cycle 201: The RC Meeting

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Overview

- Who is the RC
- Mission of the RC
- Meeting Agenda Timeline
- Preparation for the RC Meeting
- Program Review Process
- Other RC Business

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Who is the RC?



- RC Member Appointing Organizations
 - Specialty Board
 - Specialty Society
 - American Medical Association (CME)
 - Resident Member



Review Committee Composition

- Current or previous Program Directors or Department Chairs
- A group with a dedicated interest in GME
- Mixed program backgrounds
 - *university*
 - *community*
- Diverse geographic representation



Why are They Doing This to Me?

- The Mission of the RC
 - *to discern and publicly recognize whether an institution or residency program is in compliance with established educational standards.*
 - *to help programs improve*



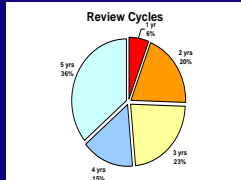
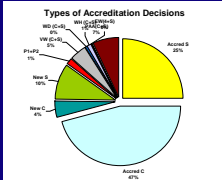
Function of the Review Committees

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



Summary of Actions for 2007

- 69% of all accredited programs reviewed (5,825 of 8,493)
- 45% of programs received accreditation decisions (2,596)






How Many People Does that Take?

- 28 Review Committees
 - 26 specialty-specific Residency Review Committees (RRCs)
 - 1 Transitional Year Review Committee (TYRC)
 - 1 Institutional Review Committee (IRC)
- 273 RC Members
- 54 Department of Accreditation Committees Staff members



Develop the Program Agenda 4 Months Prior to Meeting


- RC Staff identifies programs
 - Site visit reviews
 - Applications
 - Progress reports
 - Other changes (complement, institution, etc.)
- Assigns reviewers (typically 2)


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Program Review Files

Months 3 ⇒ 1 Prior to Meeting


- ❑ Staff prepares/distributes materials to be reviewed by Committee Members
 - PIF
 - Site visitor report
 - Program history
 - Results of resident questionnaires
 - Board scores
 - Interim correspondence

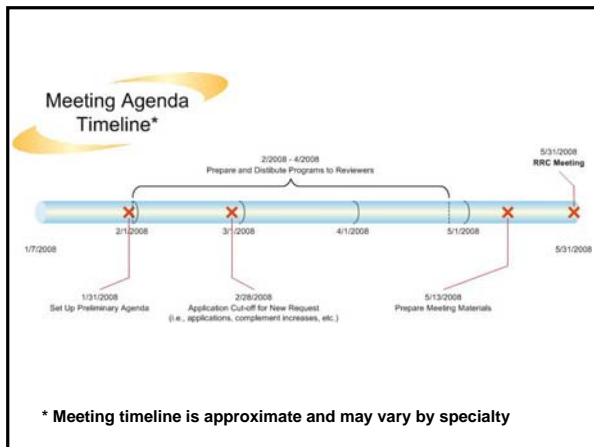

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Meeting Preparation

Weeks 2 ⇒ 1 Prior to Meeting

- ❑ RC Staff:
 - Creates agenda books
 - Compiles reviewer books containing Committee member reviews
 - Prepares program files
 - Ships materials to meeting site





Who Attends the RC Meeting?

- Review Committee Members
- Ex-Officio members
- ACGME staff
- Occasional guests



What Happens at the RC Meeting?

- Reviewers verbally present their findings to The Committee
 - *Brief history of the program*
 - *Significant changes since the last RC review*
 - *Steps taken to address citations from last review*
 - *Current areas of non-compliance*
 - *Commendation for significant improvements*
 - *Recommendation of accreditation action and resurvey cycle*
 - *Request for interim progress report (if applicable)*
- RC Members avoid conflict of interest by withdrawing from discussions that present a conflict

What Happens at the RC Meeting? (cont.)

- ❑ Committee consensus is required regarding program citations
- ❑ Motion for accreditation status and length of review cycle is called and voted upon
- ❑ RC Staff records actions taken



Accreditation Statuses

- ❑ Actions open to the RRC for core & independent subspecialty programs

Initial Accreditation	Proposed Withhold	Accreditation Withheld
Continued Accreditation	Proposed Probation	Probation
	Proposed Withdrawal	Accreditation Withdrawn
		Voluntary Withdrawal

Accreditation Statuses (cont.)

- ❑ Actions open to the RRC for dependent subspecialty programs

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Other RC Business

- Policy discussions
 - *Program requirement revisions*
 - *PIF revisions*
- Review of innovative proposals
- Ex-Officio reports

Conclusion.
