The Self-Study

Introduction

The self-study is an objective, comprehensive evaluation of the residency or fellowship program, with the aim of improving it. Underlying the self-study is a longitudinal evaluation of the program and its learning environment, facilitated through sequential annual program evaluations that focus on the required components, with an emphasis on program strengths and “self-identified” areas for improvement (“self-identified” is used to distinguish this dimension of the self-study from areas for improvement the Review Committee identifies during accreditation reviews).

Article "A Practical Guide to the ACGME Self-Study"

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Steps in the Self-Study Process

1. Assemble the self-study group

2. Engage program leaders and constituents in a discussion of program aims

3. Examine opportunities and threats

4. Aggregate and analyze data to generate a longitudinal assessment of the program’s improvement

5. Obtain stakeholder input

6. Interpret the data and aggregate the self-study findings

7. Discuss the findings with stakeholders

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