Single GME Accreditation System Update

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I have nothing to disclose or any financial conflicts
Objectives

• Provide an update on the Single accreditation System
• Define
  • Pre-accreditation
  • Continued Pre-accreditation
  • Initial Accreditation
  • Initial Accreditation Contingent
• Review ACGME Website for Student Resources
• Review Program application statistics
ACGME Mission

“We improve health care and population health by assessing and advancing the quality of resident physicians' education through accreditation.”
Where Are We Today?

30 Months into the transition
Match

• Fourth Year Students (2018 Match-AOA^, NRMP, SF, UM, and MM*)
• Third Year Students (2019 Match-AOA^, NRMP, SF, UM, and MM*)
• Second Year Students (2020 Match - NRMP, SF, UM, and MM*)
• First Year Students (2021 Match - NRMP, SF, UM, and MM* )

*Applicants that are eligible for Military Match

^Check AOA Opportunities page for eligible programs

1. Osteopathic Match (AOA)
2. National Residency Matching Program (NRMP)
3. Military Match (MM)
4. Urology Match (UM)
5. San Francisco Match (SF)
Students and the Match

• Students need to familiar with the Single GME Accreditation System and the match process (DO, NRMP, etc.)

• Students Need to take an active role in researching programs

• Students must be realistic on their competitiveness for particular specialties

• Always have a back up plan
ACGME Programs*

- 10,790 Accredited GME programs*^  
- 135,580 residents*  
- 823 sponsoring institutions*  
- **136 specialty and subspecialty areas**  
  - 29 Review Committees  
  - 1 Recognition Committee  
  - Over 6,000 items/decisions per year  

- 199 Combined-Programs  
  - 78 Med/Peds (Accredited)  
  - 122 Other (Non-accredited)  
    - 1 Family Medicine/ONMM  
  - 2,235 Residents

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*ACGME Data 2017-18 (1-10-2018)  
^Total programs include Med/Peds programs but does not include other Combined programs
AOA Programs Transitioning to ACGME Accreditation

What questions should students be asking?

• Does the program have ACGME accreditation?
  • If no, has the program applied?
    • If no, does the program plan to apply?
    • If yes, what is the timeline?

• Which match(s) will the program participate?
What questions should students be asking?

- Which certifying board(s) will a graduate of the program be eligible?

- Does the program have Osteopathic Recognition?
  - If no, has the program applied?
    - If no, does the program plan to apply for Osteopathic Recognition?
    - If yes, what is the timeline?
Dually-Accredited Programs

- Refers to programs that are accredited by *both* the ACGME and the AOA.
- Dually-accredited programs do *not* need to do anything by way of application in the SAS.
- They *may* need to ask RC for complement increase if residents in the AOA program are *not* currently counted in ACGME complement.
- They *may* seek Osteopathic Recognition.
Parallel-Accredited Programs

• Refers to two programs in the same specialty / subspecialty and in the same institution with one accredited by ACGME and one accredited by AOA but with no overlap between the two.

• *May* remain separately accredited through application of AOA-approved program but...

• Expect in most instances programs will merge

• They *may* seek Osteopathic Recognition
AOA Programs Transitioning to ACGME Accreditation

Terms
• Pre-accreditation

• Continued Pre-accreditation

• Initial accreditation
  o Initial Accreditation Contingent

• Continued Accreditation
Pre-Accreditation

Created for and to be applied only during the transition to ACGME accreditation for currently AOA-approved programs

• Extended to include institutions

• Is not synonymous with Initial Accreditation

• Granted upon receipt of completed application

• Does not require Institutional review committee/Residency Review Committee review

• Status provides some benefits to the program and residents and will be publicly acknowledged
Pre-Accreditation

• AOA Programs that have applied for ACGME accreditation but have not been reviewed by an ACGME Review Committee

• These programs maintain their full AOA accreditation
Pre-Accreditation

• Once pre-accreditation is granted, programs and sponsors must participate in all required annual ACGME reporting:

• Programs with pre-accreditation status can begin the application process for Osteopathic Recognition. Once programs achieve Initial Accreditation, applications can be reviewed by the Osteopathic Recognition Committee.

• June 30, 2020 – All sponsoring institutions and programs must achieve initial accreditation. The AOA ceases to accredit GME programs.
Pre-Accreditation

Student matches into an AOA program in Pre-Accreditation but the program never achieves ACGME Accreditation

• Student has matched into an AOA Accredited program

• Eligible for AOA Board Certification when completes program (Not eligible for ABMS)

• Eligible to apply for some ACGME Fellowships (eligibility rules in place in 2013 or 2016, whichever is less restrictive)

• Exceptionally Qualified Applicant Provision - eligible for some fellowships (specialty dependent)
Pre-Accreditation

Student matches into an AOA program in Pre-Accreditation that later achieves ACGME Accreditation

- Student has matched into an AOA Accredited program that now has achieved ACGME Accreditation
- Eligible for AOA Board Certification when completes program
- May be Eligible for ABMS Boards (Board certification eligibility is determined by the individual certifying boards)
- Eligible to apply for ACGME Fellowships
Continued Pre-Accreditation

• AOA Institutions or Programs that have been reviewed by the appropriate review committee (IRC/RRC) but have not yet achieved ACGME initial accreditation are noted as having “continued pre-accreditation” status

• Institutions or programs are still fully accredited by the AOA

• Institutions or programs will receive full report from IRC/RRC with a full description of the requirements that need to be addressed
Continued Pre-Accreditation

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Initial Accreditation

- AOA Institution or Program application that has been reviewed by the appropriate review committee (IRC/RRC) and the committee has determined the new program or institution substantially complies with requirements (in 2 years will be reviewed by IRC/RRC to determine if program will move to Continued Accreditation)

- Institution or program has achieved ACGME Accreditation
Continued Accreditation

- A status of “Continued Accreditation” is conferred when a Review Committee determines that a ACGME program or sponsoring institution has demonstrated substantial compliance with the requirements.
Initial or Continued Accreditation

Student matches into a program that has achieved ACGME Initial or Continuing Accreditation

- Student has matched into an ACGME Accreditation
- Eligible for AOA Board Certification and/or ABMS Boards when completes program
- Eligible to apply for ACGME Fellowships
Initial Accreditation Contingent

- The appropriate review committee has determined the application for a new program substantially complies with the requirements but the sponsoring institution has not achieved initial accreditation from the IRC

- Program can not be ACGME accredited until sponsoring institution has initial accreditation

- The program still has full AOA accreditation

- Upon Institution achieving Initial Accreditation, the program will achieve ACGME Accreditation (sponsoring institution has 24 month window to achieve initial accreditation or program must resubmit its application
Initial Accreditation Contingent

Student matches into an AOA program in Initial Accreditation Contingent but the Institution never achieves ACGME Accreditation

• Student has matched into an AOA Accredited program

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Initial Accreditation Contingent

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Single GME Accreditation System (NEW)

On February 26, 2014, the ACGME, American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) announced their agreement to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining a single graduate medical education accreditation system in the United States. The single GME accreditation system allows graduates of allopathic and osteopathic medical schools to complete their residency and/or fellowship education in ACGME-accredited programs and demonstrate achievement of common milestones and competencies.

Read the Executive Summary of the MOU to learn more about the agreement.

Monitor Our Progress Toward a Single GME Accreditation System »

AOA Programs
AOA Institutions

AOA Residents and Medical Students
ACGME Programs and Sponsoring Institutions

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ACGME
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Committee Executive
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Information

Links to resident and student information
Resident/Fellow Eligibility

Below are the eligibility requirements for each specialty (in bold font) and subspecialty (not in bold) that are (1) in effect on June 30, 2013; and (2) in effect as of July 1, 2016. If applicable, any interim requirements in effect between those dates are also provided.

- Allergy and Immunology
  - Anesthesiology
    - Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology
    - Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine
    - Clinical Informatics
    - Hospice and Palliative Medicine
    - Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine
    - Pain Medicine
    - Pediatric Anesthesiology
    - Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine
  - Colon and Rectal Surgery
  - Dermatology
    - Dermatopathology
    - Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology
  - Emergency Medicine
    - Clinical Informatics
    - Emergency Medical Services
    - Medical Toxicology
    - Pediatric Emergency Medicine
    - Sports Medicine
    - Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine
  - Family Medicine
    - Clinical Immunology
    - Geriatric Medicine
    - Hospice and Palliative Medicine
  - Sports Medicine
  - Internal Medicine
    - Adult Congenital Heart Disease
    - Adult and Pediatric Infectious Diseases
    - Cardiovascular Disease
  - Clinical Informatics

Links to fellowship Eligibility
# Eligibility Requirements

**Common Program Requirements are in BOLD**

**Geriatric Medicine (Family Medicine)**

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<td>Each fellow must successfully complete an ACGME-accredited residency program and/or meet other eligibility criteria specified by the Review Committee. Pioneers in Geriatric Medicine must document that they have met the eligibility criteria.</td>
<td>III.A.1. Fellows should have satisfactorily completed an ACGME-accredited residency in family medicine or internal medicine, or a family medicine residency that has been accredited by either the College of Family Physicians of Canada or the American Osteopathic Association.</td>
<td>Education for entry into fellowship programs must be ACGME-accredited. In an RCPSC-accredited residency program located in the program, fellows should complete an ACGME-accredited family medicine residency, or an internal medicine residency or another family medicine residency located in a fellowship training program. Programs must receive a letter of competency in the required field using ACGME or CanMEDS Milestones assessments from the core residency program.</td>
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## Eligibility Requirements

**Cardiovascular Disease (Internal Medicine)**

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### III.A. Eligibility Criteria

- **III.A.1.** Prior to appointment as fellows, fellows should have completed at least three years of internal medicine education prior to starting the fellowship.

- **III.A.2.** Fellows from non-ACGME-accredited internal medicine programs must have completed at least three years of internal medicine education prior to starting the fellowship.

- **III.A.3.** The program director must inform applicants from non-ACGME-accredited programs, prior to appointment and in writing, of the ABIM policies and procedures that will affect their eligibility for ABIM certification.

- **III.A.4.** When averaged over any five-year period, a minimum of 75% of fellows in each program must be graduates of an ACGME-accredited internal medicine program.

### III.A.2. Eligibility Requirements – Fellowship

- Fellows entering fellowship programs must have completed an ACGME- or RCPSC-accredited residency program in Canada. (Core)

- Eligibility Exception: The fellowship committee may grant the fellowship to exceptionally qualified applicants, who do not satisfy the eligibility requirements listed in Sections.
### Frequently Asked Questions: Single Accreditation System

#### Eligibility for Residency

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<td>Must DO candidates pass United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) examinations in order to be eligible to apply to ACGME-accredited residency programs?</td>
<td>No. To be eligible for appointment to ACGME-accredited residency programs, candidates must have graduated from a medical school accredited by the LCME or the AOA, or hold a currently-valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), or hold a full and unrestricted license.</td>
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| Are graduates of AOA-approved programs that achieve Initial Accreditation prior to their graduation eligible for ACGME-accredited fellowships? | Residents who graduate from an AOA-approved program that achieves ACGME Initial Accreditation prior to their graduation are eligible for ACGME-accredited fellowship programs, even if not all of the prerequisite clinical education required for entry into the fellowship was completed under ACGME accreditation.  

Eligibility for and completion of ACGME-accredited programs does not guarantee eligibility for board certification. Board certification eligibility is determined by the individual certifying boards.  

Questions regarding eligibility for ABMS member board certification should be directed to the appropriate ABMS member board; questions about AOA certification should be directed to the appropriate AOA specialty certifying board. |
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| Eligibility for Fellowship                                               | Effective July 1, 2016, eligibility requirements for all fellowship positions require completion of prerequisite training in a program accredited by the ACGME, the RCPSC, or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC). Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2020, a resident who completes prerequisite training in an AOA-approved program with pre-accreditation status will be subject to the ACGME fellowship eligibility standards (per subspecialty) that were in effect June 30, 2013 or July 1, 2016, whichever is less restrictive. A number of Review Committees (see here for a list) allow programs to grant an exception to the eligibility requirements for prior training. If an individual graduated from a program with pre-accreditation status, is appointed to a fellowship program based on the “exceptionally qualified applicant provision” detailed in the ACGME Common Program Requirements, and has successfully completed Levels I, 2, and 3 of COMLEX USA, then that individual will not be required to take USMLE. **NOTE:** Some subspecialties did not in 2013, and will not in 2016, accept as prerequisite training anything other than completion of an ACGME-accredited program.  
*The eligibility requirements for every ACGME-accredited subspecialty that were in effect as of June 30, 2013, that were/are in effect between June 30, 2013 and July 1, 2016, and that will be in effect as of July 1, 2016, are posted on the Single GME Accreditation System section of the ACGME website.* |
Osteopathic Recognition

How to look for programs with Osteopathic Recognition?

• ACGME website
  • List of programs and specialties that have achieved osteopathic recognition
  • List of programs that have completed an application for recognition but have not been reviewed by OPC

• ERAS

• NRMP-Program search
Osteopathic Recognition
NRMP Match: Osteopathic Recognition

*NRMP Search Programs Screenshot
Agreement to Protect Residents

What happens to residents in programs that do not achieve ACGME accreditation?

- Provides protection for residents in AOA-approved training programs, which do not achieve ACGME accreditation prior to June 30, 2020
  - Unique circumstances that may limit a residents ability to complete program by June 20, 2020

- ACGME, AOA, and AACOM agreement

- AOA will have restricted authority to extend AOA accreditation date

- Allows residents to complete training and be eligible for AOA Board Certification
Institution Applications

106 Applications*

- 82 Initial Accreditation
- 3 Continued Accreditation
- 8 Pre-Accreditation
- 8 Continued Pre-Accreditation
- 5 Withdrawn
  - 3 Achieved Initial Accreditation (Consolidated institutions)
  - 2 Continued Pre-accreditation

*January 9, 2018
632 Applications*

- **289** Initial Accreditation
- **1** Initial Accreditation with warning
- **7** Continued Accreditation
- **170** Pre-Accreditation
- **159** Continued Pre-Accreditation
- **6** Withdrawn

*January 9, 2018, Total program and Fellowship applications
Fellowship Applications*

76 Applications*

- **23** Initial Accreditation
- **46** Pre-Accreditation
- **7** Continued Pre-Accreditation

*January 9, 2018, Total Fellowship applications
145 Applications*

- **120** Initial Recognition
- **10** Continued Recognition
- **15** Pending Review

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# Programs with Osteopathic Recognition

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