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ACGME employee
Objectives

- Review Committee Composition
- Program Requirements
- Annual Update in ADS
- ACGME
Review Committee Composition

- Physician members - 6-yr term – nominated by
  American Medical Association; American Board of Thoracic Surgery
  American College of Surgeons

- Resident physicians - 2-yr term – nominated by
  Program/Institution; full review and vote

- Public member - 6-yr term
  Open call/Recommendations; review and vote

- Ex-officio members
  Do not participate in program review and do not vote
Review Committee Composition

Ara Vaporciyan, MD** Chair
Luther Brewster, PhD, Public
David Bull, MD
Jonathan Chen, MD
Thomas D’Amico, MD

Leah Backhus, MD, Vice Chair
Jordan Hoffman, MD** Resident
Jennifer Lawton, MD**
ExOfficio:
David Fullerton, MD
Patrice Blair, ACS

**Term expires 30 June 2020
Review Committee Transitions

- Dr. Vaporciyan’s chair term ends 30 July 2019
  - Remains on RC until 30 June 2020

- Dr. Backhus, Chair: July 2019 - June 2022

- Dr. Bull, Vice Chair: July 2019 - June 2021
Review Committee Transitions

- New Members: term begins July 2019
  - Mark Iannettoni, MD, MBA
  - Matthew Henn, MD, Resident

- New Members term begins July 2020
  - Steve Yang, MD
  - Sandi Starnes, MD
Review Committee - Primary Function

Peer Review

Determination of a program’s “substantial compliance” against a defined set of standards

Propose Program Requirements
Consulting with or advising programs

Members may not discuss your program or what they think the RC will do with your information.

Please direct all questions to me or one of the staff
Program Requirement Changes
Specialty Program Requirements

The PRs are changing

- Phase 1 – Merge current PRs into the new Common PRs effective July 1, 2019
  - Majority of new CPRs effective July 1, 2019
- Phase 2 – Focused revisions of PRs as needed
- Phase 3 – Implement CPRs effective July 1, 2020
Specialty Program Requirements

Phase 1 merger

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Specialty Program Requirements

Phase 2 – Focused Revisions

Requires a review and comment period

EX: RC must define the minimum number of core faculty required for the program.
Specialty Program Requirements

Phase 3 is an implementation of all CPRs (already in your PRs)

Implementation table may be found on the ACGME website:
https://www.acgme.org/What-We-Do/Accreditation/Common-Program-Requirements
Faculty Scholarly Activity

IV.D.1.a) The program must demonstrate evidence of scholarly activities consistent with its mission(s) and aims. (Core)

Residency and fellowship programs will report all faculty scholarly activity
## Faculty Scholarly Activity

**IV.D.2.a)** Among their scholarly activity, programs must demonstrate accomplishments in at least three of the following domains (Core)

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IV.D.2.b) The program must demonstrate dissemination of scholarly activity within and external to the program by the following methods:

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Review Committee will not allow the exception to the fellowship eligibility requirements

[PR: III.A.1.c).(1)]

i.e., no “Exceptional” candidates
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For each of the exams referenced in V.C.3.a)-d), any program whose graduates over the time period specified in the requirement have achieved an 80 percent pass rate will have met this requirement, no matter the percentile rank of the program for pass rate in that specialty. (Outcome)
DO Residents/Fellows

Osteopathic residents are eligible for the American Board of Osteopathic Surgery Thoracic Surgery examinations.

Osteopathic residents may be/do not have to be eligible for the ABTS Board examinations to enter the fellowship.
Single Accreditation System

First-time pass rate to be assessed individually for the ABTS and ABOS-TS certification examinations
Single Accreditation System

- Applications end June 30, 2020
- AOA will continue to offer Board examinations
  - Thoracic Surgery
  - General Surgery
  - Vascular Surgery
  - Surgical Critical Care
- Notify recruits and trainees of Board eligibility in writing
Upcoming Changes in ADS

Working to align the information collected with the Common Program Requirements going into effect July 1, 2019.
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Changes will be published after June 24, 2019

Accredited programs will be required to respond to new/updated questions in the Annual Update.
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