Review Committee Thoracic Surgery

Thoracic Surgery Directors Association
San Diego, CA

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Ara Vaporciyan, MD, Review Committee Chair
Disclosure

- Review Committee Chair
- No financial disclosures
### Review Committee Membership - current

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**Ex Officio Members**

| Patrice Blair, ACS | David Fullerton, MD, ABTS |

**Incoming Members**

| Matthew Henn, MD Resident Member | Mark Iannettoni, MD |

*Term expires 30 June 2020*
Review Committee Membership - transitions

- Dr. Vaporciyan
  - Chair term concludes 30 June 2019
  - Review Committee term concludes 30 June 2020
  - Nominee selected and awaiting ACGME Board approval

- Dr. Lawton
  - Review Committee term concludes 30 June 2020
  - ACS nominee selected and awaiting ACGME Board Approval
Review Committee - transitions

- Dr. Backhus will assume the role of Chair on 01 July 2019 through 30 June 2022

- Vote for Vice Chair under way
## Review Committee Activity

### Meetings: 11-12 January 2019 and 12-13 April 2019

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Congenital Cardiac Surgery

Request to allow the addition of a 2-year educational format

- Programs should determine the best format for their needs;
- Programs are already engaged in 2-year training with accreditation oversight for 1-year;
- Some fellows will benefit from the additional time in training

Approved – program requirement revision required – trying to get on the June ACGME Board Meeting agenda
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Declined to make a requirement
Single Accreditation System

- Transition ends 31 December 2020
- American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
  - accredits no thoracic surgery programs
  - does have a CT Surgery board examination
- ACGME has accredited 44 of 56 osteopathic general surgery programs and 1 of 4 vascular surgery program
Single Accreditation System

- Effective 01 July 2019
  - Candidates from programs accredited by ACGME, ACGME-International, Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians Canada, and AOA are eligible for fellowships
  - Accreditation review will include both the ABTS first-time board pass rate and the AOA first time board pass rate for the preceding three years
    - The first-time pass rate will reduce from five years to three years
Eligibility for Board Certification

Program must notify recruits and trainees about which board(s) they are eligible for in writing.

Time of interview

In training contracts
ACGME

- Self-Study and 10-year Site Visit
  - Due to leadership changes in the field staff office, programs can anticipate some delays/changes in the mandated self-study dates. TBA

- Milestones 2.0
  - Drs. Vaporciyan, Bull, and Varghese will serve on the taskforce

- Program Director Summit
  - Broad group of individuals will draft a document specific to program director competency
  - Dr. Vaporciyan
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Questions?

Thank You.