No relevant financial conflict
Agenda

• Accreditation vs. certification
• Brief history of the ACGME
• Brief history of the RC for Thoracic Surgery
• RC responsibilities
• RC member responsibilities
• Pre-meeting work
• RC meeting timeline
• RC member program review materials
• Typical RC meeting agenda
• Mock Review Committee meeting
Certification vs. Accreditation

Individuals receive certification

Programs receive accreditation
Certification

The certification process identifies individual physicians who meet the requirements of a particular specialty.

Certification is the responsibility of a specialty board, i.e., the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.
Accreditation

Official recognition that a school, [program] or course has met standards set by external regulators.

Oxford Living Dictionary
https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/accreditation
GME programs are accredited by the ACGME when they are judged to be in substantial compliance with the applicable Requirements of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

Applicable requirements include:
• ACGME Institutional Requirements,
• ACGME Common Program Requirements, and
• ACGME Specialty Program Requirements
Membership Organizations

- The American Association of Thoracic Surgeons
- The Society of Thoracic Surgeons
- The American College of Surgeons

Have no direct role in accreditation or certification
Accreditation vs Certification

Accreditation
ACGME

Certification
ABTS
Accreditation vs Certification

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RC uses ABTS pass rates in accreditation
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Some RC members nominated by ABTS
Accreditation vs Certification

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ABTS requires ACGME program
Brief History of ACGME

• 1950-1972
  *No oversight of RCs*

• 1972-1981
  *Liaison Committee on Graduate Medical Education*
  Representatives from: AAMC, ABMS, AHA, AMA, CMSS

• 1981-2000
  *Original ACGME*
  “Parent Organizations”: AAMC, ABMS, AHA, AMA, CMSS

• 2000-
  *Current ACGME*
  “Parent Organizations” → “Nominating Organizations”
  AOA and AACOM added 2015
ACGME Board of Directors

- 7 Member (Nominating) Organizations
  - American Board of Medical Specialties (4)
  - American Hospital Association (4)
  - American Medical Association (4)
  - American Osteopathic Association (2→4) [2015-2020]
  - AACOM (2→4) [2015-2020]
  - Association of American Medical Colleges (4)
  - Council of Medical Specialty Societies (4)
- Public members (3)
- At-large members (3)
- Chair of Council of Review Committee Chairs
- Chair of Council of Review Committee Residents
- At large resident
- Federal non-voting (2)
ACGME

- Accredits 11,685 GME programs
- 140,399 residents & fellows
- 156 specialty and subspecialty areas
- 847 sponsoring institutions
Review Committees

• 29 Review Committees
  • 27 Specialty
  • 1 Transitional Year
  • 1 Institutional
Brief History of Thoracic RC

• 1948 Board of Thoracic Surgery
  • Affiliate of the ABS
• 1969 independence from ABS
• 1971 American Board of Thoracic Surgery
• Review Committee established ~ 1970
Brief History of Thoracic RC

• Nominating organizations:
  • American Board of Thoracic Surgery (2)
  • American College of Surgeons (2)
  • American Medical Association (2)

• Resident member (2000)

• Public member (2018)

• *ex officio* members: ABTS, ACS, AMA
RC Responsibilities

Under authority delegated by the ACGME

- Accredit programs using PRs & consistent with policy
- Review programs annually
- Confer accreditation status for each program
- Revise/recommend program requirements
- Discuss GME policy, best practices & innovation
- Recommend policy, procedures & requirements to CRCC
RC Member Responsibilities

- Attend orientation
- Attend meetings
- Agree to- and perform tasks of membership
- Be evaluated by other RC members
Screening Programs by Staff

- Faculty scholarly activity
- Resident/fellow scholarly activity
- Board pass rate
- Clinical experience (case logs)
- Resident/fellow survey
- Faculty survey
With RC Executive Committee

Assign program to:

- Consent agenda
- Consent agenda w/ AFI(s) +/- citation(s)
- Request clarifying information
- Request site visit
- Schedule for RC review
RC Meeting Timeline

• Agenda closes ~ 2 months before meeting
• Reviews to RC members 4-6 weeks before
• Completed reviews due 3 weeks before
• Reviewer & Agenda Books sent 10 days before
• Meetings ~ 1 ½ days
• Two meetings per year
• Occasional conference calls *ad hoc*
Reviewer Materials

• Case logs
• Letters of notification
• Resident/Fellow survey
• Faculty survey
• Block diagram
• Program history
• Annual program update
• [Site visit report]
• [Complement change request]
Typical RC Meeting Agenda

• Call to order
• Review conflict & duality
• Approval of minutes
• Program reviews
  • Citations
  • Areas for improvement (AFI)
  • Accreditation status
• Reports:
  • Council of Review Committee Chairs
  • Council of Review Committee Residents
  • Council of Public Members
  • American Board of Thoracic Surgery
  • Executive Committee
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Conflict & Duality of Interest

- 8 pages in ACGME Policies
- Annual review of Policy
- Annual disclosure form
- 6 pages in RC Agenda Book
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Accreditation Status

Continued Accreditation

Continued Accreditation with Warning

Probationary Accreditation

Withdrawal of Accreditation

Withhold Accreditation

Initial Accreditation

Initial Accreditation with Warning

Continued Accreditation Without Outcomes
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Central Roles of ED & Teams

- Program
- Field Staff
- ADS
- Executive Director & Accreditation Team
- Questions
- Answers
- LON
- Review Committee
- Decision
- Data
Meeting
of the
Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery