



Thoracic Surgery Review Committee Update

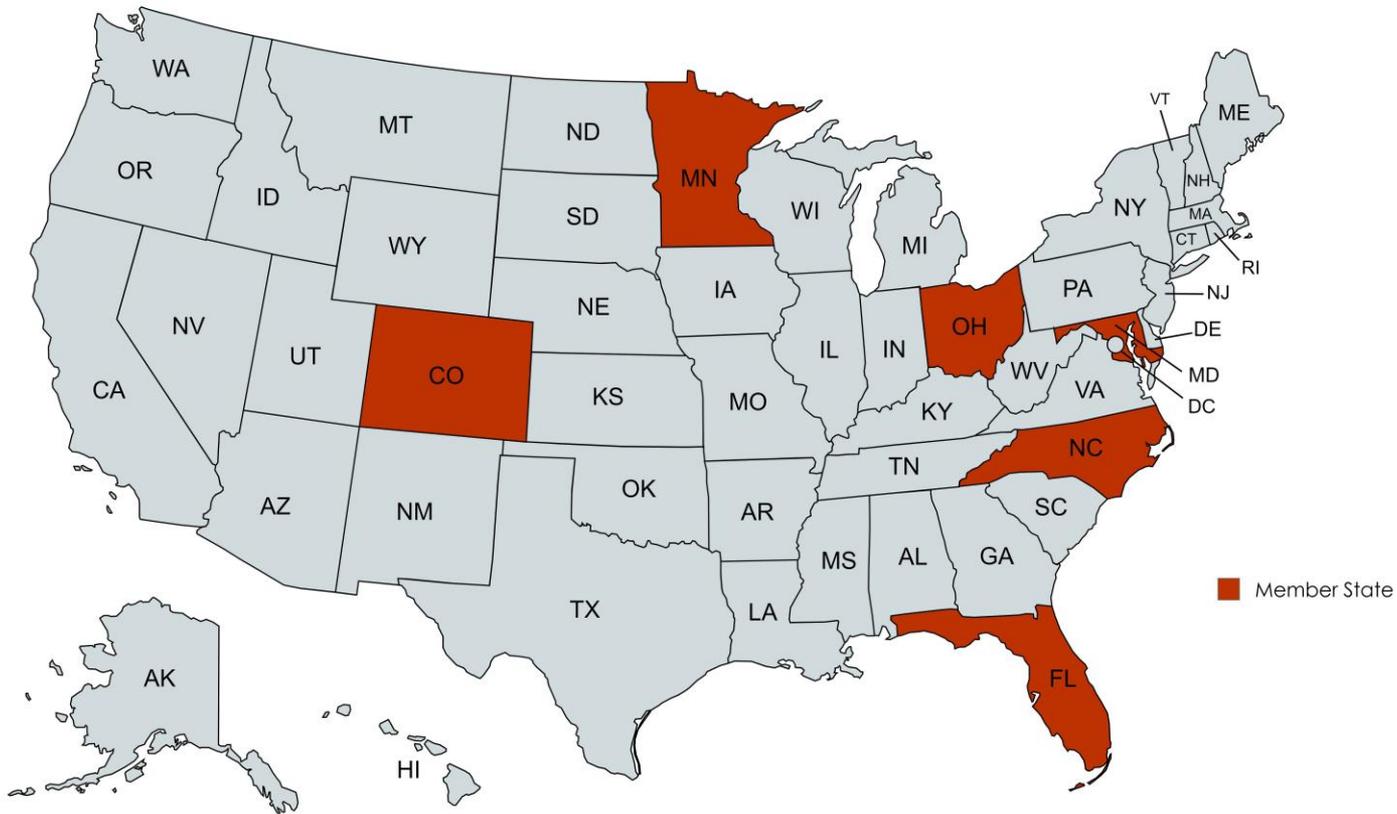
Chris Fox, PhD, Executive Director
Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery

RC Membership

Name	Role	Name	Role
Mark Iannettoni , MD, MBA, FACS, FCCP*	Chair	Sandra Starnes , MD, FACS, FCCP	Vice-Chair
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Cameron Wright, MD	Ex-Officio, ABTS	Patrice Blair, DrPH, MPH	Ex-Officio, ACS

*Term Ends June 30, 2025

New Members, July 1, 2025: Sara Pereira, MD, Member; Chi Chi Do-Nguyen, DO, Resident Member





Program Info

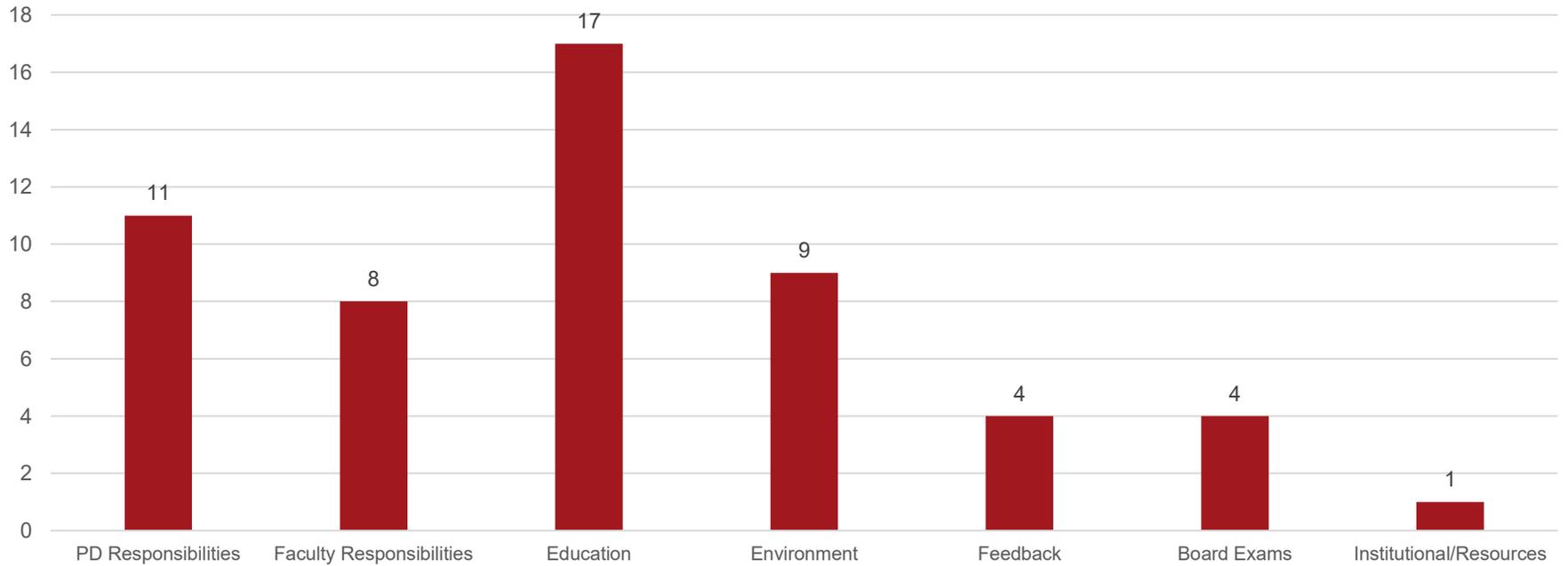
Specialty	Accredited Programs	Applications (04/28/25)	Complement Approved (24-25)	Complement Filled (24-25)
Thoracic Surgery				
Independent	79	0	327	256
Integrated	36	0	342	265
Congenital Cardiac Surgery	17	0	17	11

Program Status

Specialty	Initial Accreditation	Continued Accreditation	Continued Accreditation with Warning	Probation/ Withdrawal
Thoracic Surgery				
Independent	5 (6%)	71 (90%)	2 (3%)	1 (1%)
Integrated	3 (8%)	31 (86%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
Congenital Cardiac Surgery	2 (12%)	15 (88%)		

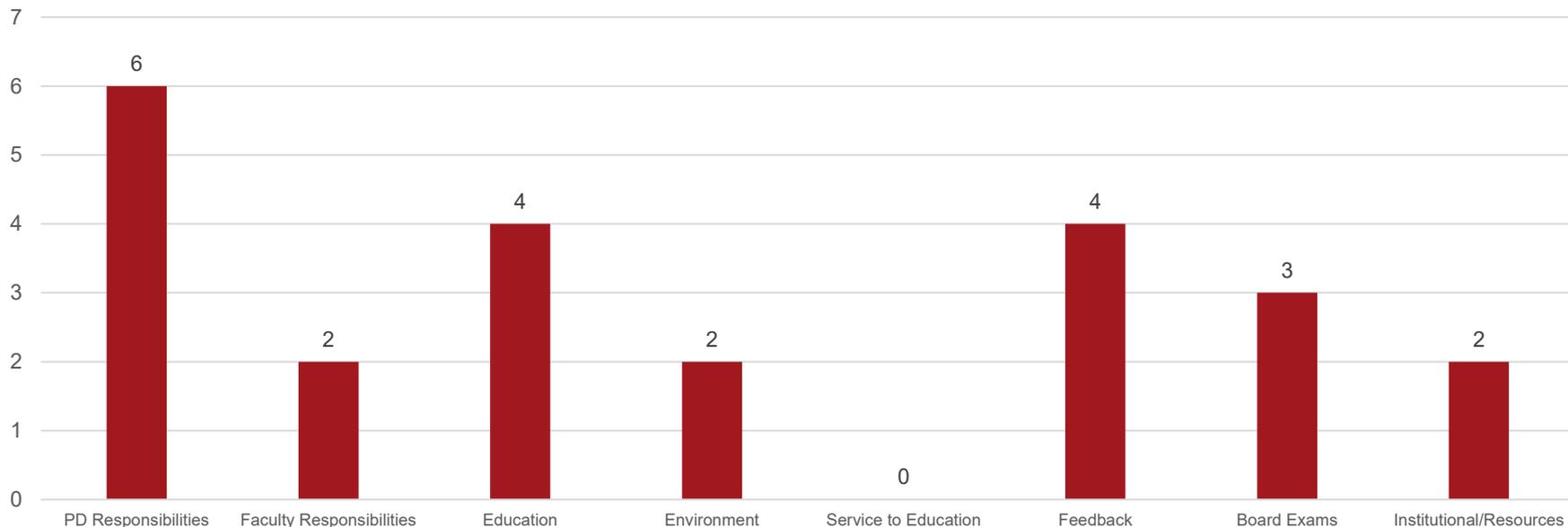
Citations - Independent

Thoracic Surgery Independent
2023-24 Citations (54 Total)



Citations - Integrated

Thoracic Surgery Integrated
2023-24 Citations (23 Total)





3 Pathways

Requirements	Existing Thoracic Pathway		Existing Cardiothoracic Pathway		New Cardiac Pathway	
	Subtotal	Total	Subtotal	Total	Subtotal	Total
CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE						
Congenital Heart Disease		10		20		20
Primary Surgeon			5		5	
First Assistant	10		15		15	
ADULT CARDIAC						
Acquired Valvular Heart Disease		30		60		90
Aortic Valve Repair/Replacement	15		25		25	
Mitral Valve Repair/Replacement	5		15			
Mitral Valve Repair					10	
Mitral Valve Replacement					5	
Tricuspid Valve Repair/Replacement, Annuloplasty	5		5		5	
TAVR as primary			5		20	
TAVR as assistant	5		10		20	
Transcatheter Mitral/Tricuspid Intervention					5	



Pathways

Review Committee will issue an automatic citation for missed minimums

- ENSURE CORRECT PATHWAY IS SELECTED



Program Director Changes



II.A.3.d) must include documented experience educating thoracic surgery residents/fellows; (Core)



II.A.3.e) must include documented participation in a national thoracic surgery educational association (e.g., the Thoracic Surgery Directors Association); and, (Core)



II.A.3.f) must include documented formal faculty development activities in education and teaching, such as participation at local and national program director workshops and other educational activities. (Core)



Program Director Changes

Specialty-Specific Background and Intent:

The Review Committee feels that the training of thoracic surgery residents/fellows is a complex undertaking and the accreditation requirements are extensive. Individuals pursuing a program director role must be sufficiently prepared to take on the role and have the support of the department and Sponsoring Institution to devote the time and effort required to oversee a high-quality thoracic surgery program. Therefore, the Review Committee suggests that new program director candidates should have a minimum of five years' experience as a faculty member in graduate medical education and some experience as an associate program director or other residency/fellowship program leadership experience. A letter of support outlining the Sponsoring Institution's plan for mentoring and providing appropriate resources should accompany requests for approval of program director candidates who do not have the minimum requisite experience.



APD FTE

II.A.2.c) Program directors who oversee both an integrated and an independent thoracic surgery program which, combined, have 10 or more residents/fellows must appoint an associate (or assistant) program director. (Core)

II.A.2.d) The associate (assistant) program director must be provided with support equal to a dedicated minimum of 10 percent FTE for administration of the program. (Core)

Q? Can the FTE be shared?

A: YES



Block Diagram

The Review Committee for Surgery is creating a standardized block diagram form.

- Fillable excel

Will be available on the Documents and Resources page in the 2025-26 academic year



Common Program Requirements (CPRs)

- Work has started on Revision of CPRs
- **First Congress will center around 'Work Hours'**
 - Public comment will be solicited
 - Feedback from groups such as TSDA and ABTS requested

Timeline is Summer/early Fall

Meet the Surgery Team



Chris Fox, PhD
Executive Director



Kelsey Sill, MHA
Associate Executive
Director



Aimee Morales
Associate Executive
Director



Caleb Mitchell
Senior Accreditation
Administrator



Colleen Morris
Accreditation
Administrator





Thank You!

Questions?



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