

ACGME Case Logs

As you know it is mandatory that all fellows record every patient they see with demographics, diagnoses and procedures into the ACGME case log system. The system permits the RC to assess compliance with program requirements for breadth and depth of education experiences and adequacy of education in required procedures. The RC recently initiated changes to simplify the process for fellows.

If you have any problems, the ACGME staff would like to offer its assistance to get your program into compliance. All program directors should be able to use the system to orient fellows. In addition, the case logs should be monitored on a regular basis.

The Allergy and Immunology data must be entered and the resident(s) must have signed a hard copy report prior to completing the program on June 30, 2006. The deadline for entering the required information into the operative log system is August 1, 2006. The deadline is not negotiable.

At the time of a site visit, the field staff will ask the program director questions related to compilation, verification and consistency of the resident data collected in the program. In addition, field staff will ask the program director, faculty, residents and coordinators how they keep the records. The records will be reviewed by the Committee with the PIF and site visitor report.

Competency for Fellows

The ACGME timeline for implementing the Competency/Outcome Project indicates that RRCs are expected to begin issuing citations with consequence and making suggestions for improvement, starting July 2006. The ACGME is shifting its focus from a structure and process system of graduate medical education to one that is outcomes based, requiring fellows in training to achieve competence in six broad domains. Programs should begin using resident performance data as a basis for improvement and being to use external measures (patient surveys, clinical quality measures) to verify fellow and program performance.

The ACGME is working to prepare a primer for program directors and RRCs to guide program directors in implementing the general competencies that includes instruction for education, evaluation, improvement and faculty development.

Quick Reference Guide

The RC has created, with leadership by its resident member, Weily Soong MD, a quick reference guide for both fellows and faculty to use when entering data. The Quick Reference Guide link is available on the ACGME website and is a very helpful tool to use for coding. This quick reference card gives the primary ICD-9 codes for the diagnoses that the ACGME wants to monitor. The ACGME does not monitor other diagnoses.

- If the diagnosis is not listed on the Quick Reference list, the resident should choose one of the ICD-9 codes that is the closest to the actual diagnosis or that is the highest on

the differential diagnosis.

Administrative Updates

All administrative changes should first be initiated in WebADS. Program director changes are approved by the RC for Allergy and Immunology and notification of a change must be accompanied by a current C.V. Any communication to the RC or a RC member should be sent to the executive director of the RC for Allergy and Immunology.

Program Requirements in A&I

The RC has taken the comments from the program directors and addressed them in the newly proposed program requirements. The program requirements will be ready for public review and comment soon.

Block Diagrams and 50/25/25

There are excellent examples of how to complete a block diagram and identify the necessary components of the 50% direct patient care, 25% research and 25% other education activities on the website.

Good Practices on the Website

There are three excellent examples of good practices listed on the ACGME website for your review. Please take a few minutes to look over the "Annual Evaluation Checklist", the "Six Month Evaluation Form", and the "Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh's Internal Review Form".

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In order to ensure an orderly and efficient RRC meeting, we must establish cut-off dates for requested agenda items. Please note these deadlines in the event you have submissions for future R.C. meetings; September 2006 meeting deadline for materials is **July 31, 2006** and **December 22, 2006** for the February 2007 meeting.

We understand that emergencies occur and we will try being sensitive to your needs in these situations. However, we will no longer be able to accept last minute requests. All routine agenda items will be held for the next meeting after the cut-off dates.

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