

**Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education**[Home](#)   [Mission](#)   [Chat](#)   [Site Map](#)   [Help](#)**Newsletter****Residency Review Committee for Ophthalmology  
December 2001****ACGME INTERNET OPERATIVE DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY**

As stated in the February 2001 Newsletter, the Committee decided to implement a new Internet data collection system for the operative experience of individual residents by CPT code. The Internet system, which will be similar to that already developed by the ACGME for several other specialties, will provide individual resident and program summary reports for quick and easy review. The key to this system is the mapping of CPT codes to the RRC procedures which the Committee has been working on for several years and now, as indicated above, has finalized in a greatly expanded version. The system has been available for voluntary use by programs as of July 1, 2001. All programs however will be required to use the system on a prospective basis as of **July 1, 2002**.

**GENERAL COMPETENCIES**

During the June 2001 meeting of the ACGME, the Committee on Program Requirements approved the inclusion of the general competency language to the ophthalmology requirements with an implementation date of July 1, 2002 (programs will not be held responsible for the language until after that date). Efforts are being made to revise the Ophthalmology PIF so that is more congruent with the revised Program Requirements. At the same time the RRC will review the site visitor form so that it is alignment with the PIF and program requirements.

Additional information about the competencies is available on the ACGME web page [[www.acgme.org](http://www.acgme.org)] under the topic Outcome Project. Included is the timeline for implementation with the statement: "Programs will not be held responsible for NEW requirements related to the competencies until July 2002. However, programs should begin planning and/or piloting integration of the competencies and implementation of new and/or improved assessment tools during this time."

As is evident from the list, many aspects of these competencies are already part of the educational process; the challenge is to make them explicit and demonstrate their achievement through outcome measures.

**AUPO MEETING**

Members of the RRC, Drs. Denis O'Day, (ex-officio) and Dick Mills are attending the AUPO meeting at Amelia Island, Florida on February 7 & 8, 2002. Dr. Robert Yee, Chair of the RRC, will be giving a presentation on the ACGME's general competencies project during the meeting. Please refer to the AUPO meeting brochure for details.

**COMMON PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The staff at ACGME continues to meet to discuss the common program requirements. A task force convened by the ACGME -Committee on Program Requirements began the work. ACGME staff continues to refine the document so eventually much of the common information related to all programs can be collected on the web. Specialty information will be collected as a separate document. The Committee on Program Requirements at the ACGME meeting in February will review the document.

**ABIM PORTFOLIO**

RRC members are reviewing the ABIM documents that relate to the six general competencies. The ABIM has produced a document entitled Portfolio for Internal Medicine Residency Programs. The "work in progress" suggests definitions, guidelines and competency based vignettes and example forms for use by program

directors and faculty in the evaluation of residents. Practical evaluation strategies are described. The RRC is recommending that the ABO assume a leadership role in the development of the competency assessment for ophthalmology.

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#### **NEW PROGRAM REQUIREMENT**

The RRC has voted and approved a new program requirement. The ABO must be notified when a resident departs or enters a new program. Before accepting a resident into a program as a transfer to another program, the Program Director must receive a written evaluation of the resident's past performance, including performance related to the general competencies, from the previous program director (s). (Internal Medicine's words)

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#### **INTRAMURAL AND EXTRAMURAL**

The RRC has decided how credit should be counted for lectures that are part of a multi-plan consortium. Those lectures presented by the program's faculty should be considered "intramural" and all other lectures that are presented by faculty other than that of the program be considered "extramural."

The RRC wishes to know 1) the quantity and type of didactic lectures that each program's residents attend, and 2) what role each program's faculty have in the programs. The RRC would be concerned about a situation in which a program's residents get most of their lectures from faculty of other programs.

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#### **RRC NEW RRC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Patricia Levenberg, Ph.D. has been appointed as the new Executive Director for the Ophthalmology RRC. Dr. Levenberg comes to ACGME from the Society of Critical Care Medicine where she was Director of Programs and Professional Affairs. From 1993 to 2000, she worked for the American Medical Association as a senior policy analyst in Federation Relations. In addition, she has been on the faculty of several Colleges of Nursing and for a number of years worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner. The Ophthalmology RRC team includes in addition to Dr. Levenberg ([plevenberg@acgme.org](mailto:plevenberg@acgme.org)), Eileen Keane, as Senior Accreditation Administrator ([etk@acgme.org](mailto:etk@acgme.org)) and Linda Roquet, Senior Secretary ([ljr@acgme.org](mailto:ljr@acgme.org)).

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#### **THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Geoffrey Broocker, M.D.  
Susan Day, M.D.  
James Kinyoun, M.D.  
Marlon Maus, M.D.  
Richard Mills, M.D.  
Christine Nelson, M.D., *Vice-Chair*  
Susan Stenson, M.D.  
James Tiedemann, M.D.  
Robert Yee, M.D., *Chair* Kenneth Morgenstern, M.D. - *Resident Member*

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES OF THE RRC**

May 31 - June1, 2002  
December 13-14, 2002  
May 30-31, 2003

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