

Memorandum

To: Transitional Year Program Directors
From: Linda Thorsen, MA, Executive Director
Transitional Year Review Committee
Date: 8/25/2010
Re: Milestone Development Working Group

The ACGME has announced that milestone development is the next step in the Outcome Project. **Milestones describe performance levels residents are expected to demonstrate for skills, knowledge, and behaviors in the six general competency domains.** Milestone development is a joint initiative of the ACGME and specialty certification boards and with the involvement of the specialty community. Dr. Nasca has stated that RRCs initially will use aggregate resident performance on the milestones for quality improvement, that is, to identify aspects of educational programs that need improvement.

The specialties of Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Surgery, Urology, and Obstetrics & Gynecology have identified 'working groups' and have begun the work of defining milestones; a number of other specialties will start during the current academic year.

The Transitional Year Review Committee (TYRC) plans to convene its first meeting in late 2010, early 2011. The TYRC working group will differ from other specialty groups because there is no certification board for the transitional year. Both the CTYPD (Council of Transitional Year Program Directors) and the TYRC will appoint members to the working group. Leadership will be a joint effort and include both the Chair of the TYRC and the Chair of the CTYPD.

- In addition to these appointees, we would like to request that a number of Transitional Year program directors 'at large' who currently do not have leadership positions in either of these organizations also participate in this effort.

The time commitment would involve two to three meetings in Chicago for a period of one to one and a half years as well as monthly conference calls. In addition, there would be some assigned work to complete in between meetings and calls. ACGME will fund this project; expenses for meals, hotel, and transportation will be reimbursed.

If you are interested in participating as a member of the Milestone Working Group, please forward a current CV and contact information by SEPTEMBER 30, 2010.

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