

ACGME Staff Biographies

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Pamela L. Derstine, PhD, joined the ACGME in 2005. She is the executive director for the Review Committees for Colon and Rectal Surgery, Neurological Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, and Otolaryngology. She has previously served as executive director for the Review Committees for Medical Genetics and Psychiatry, and as a senior project manager in the ACGME Department of Accreditation Committees and the ACGME Department of Education and Research. Prior to joining the ACGME, Dr. Derstine was director of curriculum and faculty development at Loyola University Medical Center, and a researcher at the University of Chicago, Argonne National Laboratory, and Loyola University Medical Center. Her past experience also includes two years as an ASCP-certified medical technologist. Dr. Derstine

chairs the ACGME's Requirements Development Committee, and is an administrative advisor to the Council of Review Committees' Innovation and Improvement Subcommittee, and a member of the Department of Accreditation Committees Quality and Process Improvement Focus Group. She was the ACGME Portfolio Director between April 2007 and June 2009, is the staff author of the Program Director Guide to the Common Program Requirements, developed the RRC Citation Resource for the Common Program Requirements, developed Citation Glossaries for all core specialty program requirements, and developed and maintains the ACGME Review Committees Notable Practices web page. Dr. Derstine is an MHPE candidate at the University of Illinois Chicago, where she is completing a research project to assess the measurement characteristics of a multi-program online evaluation system. She earned her PhD in molecular genetics from Northwestern University, and her BS in medical technology from Northern Illinois University.