

ACGME: Best Practices in Resident Education

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Agenda

- Competencies
 - Practice-based learning and improvement
- Changes in ACGME requirements

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Practice-based Learning and Improvement

- PBLI is one of the defining characteristics of being a physician

Practice-based Learning and Improvement

Residents must demonstrate the ability to investigate and evaluate their care of patients, to appraise and assimilate scientific evidence, and to continuously improve patient care based on constant self-evaluation and lifelong learning.

Practice-based Learning and Improvement

Residents must demonstrate competence in:

- (a) identifying strengths, deficiencies, and limits in one's knowledge and expertise;
- (b) setting learning and improvement goals;
- (c) identifying and performing appropriate learning activities;
- (d) systematically analyzing practice using quality improvement methods, and implementing changes with the goal of practice improvement;

Practice-based Learning and Improvement

Residents must demonstrate competence in:

- (e) incorporating feedback and formative evaluation into daily practice;
- (f) locating, appraising, and assimilating evidence from scientific studies related to their patients' health problems; and,
- (g) using information technology to optimize learning.

Changes in ACGME requirements

- New Common Program Requirements effective 1 July 2019*
- Three sets:
 - Residency
 - Fellowship
 - One-year Fellowship
- *Statements of philosophy* (not citable)
- Statements of background and intent (not citable)

Changes in ACGME requirements

- Emphasis on identifying and aligning:
 - the needs of the community
 - the mission(s) of the sponsoring institution
 - the mission(s) of the program

Changes in ACGME requirements

- Alignment of Institutional and Common Program Requirements
“The program, in partnership with its Sponsoring Institution...”
- Restriction of ability of specialties to further define requirements in several areas
- Greater oversight by DIO/GMEC
- Reduction of burden on programs
- Incorporation of AOA certifying boards

Changes in ACGME requirements

- Much greater emphasis on:
 - Patient safety
 - Team work
 - Transitions of care
 - Quality improvement
 - Resident well-being

Thank you

