
OFFICE OF GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Organizational Structure

After seven years of dedicated leadership in the role of Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education (GME) at the University of South Alabama, College of Medicine and Designated Institutional Official (DIO) for the University of South Alabama Hospitals, Dr. Arnold Luterman stepped down from these posts in anticipation of his forthcoming retirement. Dr. Carole Boudreaux, Associate Professor of Pathology at the University of South Alabama, was appointed to succeed Dr. Luterman as Assistant Dean and DIO effective May 1, 2011. Dr. Boudreaux and the staff of the GME Office are responsible for the oversight of all Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited residency and fellowship training programs at the institution.

The GME Office implements policies of the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC). The ACGME charges the GMEC with monitoring and advising on all aspects of residency education including compliance with ACGME requirements and creating a strong and supportive learning environment for the trainees. The GMEC is composed of program directors, teaching faculty, designated representatives of the major teaching hospitals, and peer selected residents. The activities of the GMEC are reported to the Dean, College of Medicine.

Overview

The University of South Alabama Hospitals (USAH) sponsored 11 residency and 7 fellowship programs with a combined total of 246 residents and fellows during the 2010-2011 academic year.

- All residency and fellowship programs at the University of South Alabama are accredited by the ACGME.

Program Name	# of positions filled
Family Medicine	18
FM:Sports Medicine	1
Internal Medicine	48
Cardiovascular	6
Gastroenterology	6
Infectious Disease	3
Pulmonary/CC	6
Med/Peds	9

Neurology	7
Program Name	# of positions filled
Clinical Neurophysiology	0
OB/GYN	16
Orthopaedic Surgery	15
ORS:Sports Medicine	1
Pathology	13
Pediatrics	35
Psychiatry	16
Radiology	20
Surgery	26

New ACGME Accredited Programs (approved)

The following new program submission received ACGME approval.

Program Name	Status as of July 1, 2011	Cycle Length
Clinical Neurophysiology (Fellowship)	Approved	2 years

ACGME Accreditation Site Visits

The following programs were site visited or received RC (Review Committee) accreditation during 2010-2011:

Program	Site Visit Date	Effective Date	Accreditation Status	Accreditation Cycle (Years)
Family Medicine	March 16, 2010	Sept 15, 2010	Continued Accreditation	4
Cardiovascular	September 15, 2010	Jan 28, 2011	Continued Accreditation	5
Pulmonary/CC	September 16, 2010	Jan 28, 2011	Continued Accreditation	5
Med/Peds	April 12, 2011	Pending RC Notice		

the concepts of QI introduced in the tutorial. After completing the pilot project, the residents will begin identifying and conducting their own QI projects.

2. **ACGME Common Program Requirements Interdisciplinary Curriculum:**

The GME office will facilitate developing Sakai modules to instruct the resident across disciplines in the Common Program Requirements. A module for instruction in “Critique of the Medical Literature and How to Write a Scientific Paper” is already in place, and modules addressing Evidence-based Medicine and QI (see above) are under development.

3. **Chief Resident Conference:**

A seminar for chief residents is in the planning stages for March, 2012. This will include a day-long series of conferences designed to equip the chief residents with management tools, conflict resolution skills, communication skills and other resources to assist them in carrying out functions of chief residents.

4. **Residency Program Coordinator Meetings and Workshops:**

Monthly program coordinator meetings will be conducted with the goals of: 1) providing coordinators a platform to exchange ideas while fostering communication between program coordinators, program directors, and the Office of Graduate Medical Education, 2) creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and support among the program coordinators, 3) developing and encouraging opportunities for professional growth, 4) facilitating integration of the ACGME requirements, particularly the revisions to the Common Program Requirements that went into effect July 1, 2011, into the programs.

Recruitment

The GME Office mailed 17,659 recruitment postcards to fourth year medical students who will be graduating in 2012.