The Single Accreditation System for U.S. Graduate Medical Education

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The Single Accreditation System
WHY ME?

• Program Director - 13 years
• Osteopathic Program currently undergoing the ACGME transition
• DOME – Director of Osteopathic Medical Education – 9 years

• Nothing to disclose
OUTLINE

• WHO?, WHAT?, WHERE?, WHY?, WHEN?
• IMPACT
• CURRENT STATUS OF THE TRANSITION
• WHAT’S THE FUTURE SUPPOSE TO LOOK LIKE?
What Is It?

• On February 26, 2014, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) announced their agreement to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining a single graduate medical education accreditation system in the United States. The single accreditation system allows graduates of allopathic and osteopathic medical schools to complete their residency and/or fellowship education in ACGME-accredited programs and demonstrate achievement of common Milestones and competencies.
WHO?

AMA – American Medical Ass.
AHA – American Hospital Ass.
ABMS – American Board of Medical Specialties
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AAMC – Association of American Medical Colleges
CMSS – Council of Medical Specialty Societies
WHO?

AOA – American Osteopathic Association

AACOM – American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
Single Accreditation Graduate Medical Education
WHY?

• Why a Single GME Accreditation System?
  – Consistent methods of evaluation and accountability for the competency of resident physicians in the US.
  – Eliminate duplication
    • Two certification bodies doing the same thing
    • No need for dual certification programs (173)
  – Ensure all residency and fellowship applicants are eligible to enter all accredited programs in the US, can transfer from one program to another without repeating training.
WHY?

• 2011, ACGME Board of Directors proposed new Common Program Requirements that would have restricted access of physicians moving from non-ACGME training programs to ACGME programs beginning July 1, 2016.
WHERE WE’VE BEEN

MD

ACGME RESIDENCY

ACGME SUBSPECIALTY

DO

INTERNERSHIP

OSTEOPATHIC RESIDENCY

OSTEOPATHIC SUBSPECIALTY
WHERE WE ARE NOW

2016 NRMP Match Statistics & AOA Intern/Resident Match
US ALLOPATHIC MATCH 2016 – 26,836

- US MD: 17,057 (63%)
- Previous US MD: 2,869 (11%)
- US DO: 2,396 (9%)
- Can. MD: 732 (3%)
- US Cit. IMS: 13 (0.05%)
AOA 2016 MATCH DATA

Capacity of 974 residency positions, 274 internship = 1,248
WHY?

- Preservation of AOA graduate access to ACGME training programs
- Eliminate Duplication – Federal Government
- Alignment of competency standards
IMPACT

CHANGED

GME ACCREDITATION

UNCHANGED

BOARD CERTIFICATION

CME

PREDICTORAL EDUCATION

COMLEX
CHANGES SO FAR

- Dec. 22, 2015 – ACGME Specialty Programs accept AOA PGY 1 year for entry.
  - Anesthesiology
  - Dermatology
  - Diagnostic Radiology
  - Medical Genetics and Genomics
  - Nuclear Medicine
  - Ophthalmology
  - Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
  - Preventative Medicine
  - Radiation Oncology

- Jan. 11, 2016 – ACGME accepts COMLEX-USA on equal footing with USMLE
  - Most Specialty RC’s (23 of 24) recognize Osteopathic Boarded Program Directors as equivalent training to ABEM boarded to meet program director qualifications.
  - RC’s are adding AOA board certification pass rates to ACGME standards
  - Program Size will not prevent AOA programs from achieving ACGME accreditation
ACGME Review Committees

• Neuromuscular Review Committee
  • Accreditation authority over osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine/osteopathic manipulative medicine residency programs

• Osteopathic Principles Review Committee
  • Evaluate the osteopathic principles dimension of programs seeking osteopathic recognition across all specialties
  • Osteopathic Recognition is conferred upon any ACGME-accredited graduate medical education program providing requisite training in the Osteopathic Principles and Practice (OPP).
OSTEOPATHIC RECOGNITION

Applications-54

- Dual Certification: 67%
- AOA: 7%
- ACGME: 26%
## Distribution of 207 Applications by Specialty

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# Program Accreditation Deadlines

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How are Programs Accredited

- ACGME
- Sponsoring Institution
  - DIO – Designated Institutional Official
  - GMEC
  - Accreditation for patient care
    » Joint Commission or similar entity for participation in Medicare under Federal Regs.
- AOA
- OPTI (Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institution) consortium of 1 college of OM, at least 1 hospital
  - DIO
  - GMEC
Accreditation of AOA–Approved Programs

1. Sponsoring Institution must apply for ACGME accreditation (2015)
3. Site Review – findings sent to Review Committee (4-8 months)
4. Achieve Initial Accreditation (2020)
## TRANSITION PROGRESS

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FUTURE

- Plan to apply: 694
- No: 65
- Closed: 79
- ?: 54
US MEDICAL POSTDOCTORAL EDUCATION 2020

ACGME ACCREDITED RESIDENCY
Single Accreditation System

• Elimination of dual certification programs
• All programs will have the option to request osteopathic recognition
• Osteopathic and Allopathic graduates will have access to all training positions
  • Additional prerequisite education and training may be required for MD’s entering an ACGME residencies with osteopathic recognition.
What Doesn’t Change?

• AOA and American Board of Medical Specialties – continue to operate own board certification examinations
  • In near future, AOA recertification purpose only
• COMLEX (Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination) continue to be the required exam and pathway to licensure for osteopathic physicians
What Doesn’t Change?

• NRMP – national resident match
• AOA match will continue until 2019
• US Allopathic Medical Colleges will continue to graduate MD’s
• US Osteopathic Medical Colleges will continue to graduate DO’s
RESOURCES

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Customer service center - Single call line to address your questions
- Access to AOA staff experts
- Professional consultants who are familiar with ACGME/AOA Single Accreditation System
- Ongoing survey of every program to track your progress

SINGLE ACCREDITATION SYSTEM - APPLICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

It’s important for the continued growth and success of our profession that osteopathic GME programs transition successfully to the new Single Accreditation System.

The AOA is committed to help your program achieve ACGME accreditation and Osteopathic Recognition. We have created an application assistance triage program to answer the most complex questions and individually provide access to expert assistance.

Although we cannot write your actual application, we can guide you through every step of the way.

Program begins May 2nd and will continue indefinitely.

For assistance call: 312-202-8272
Or email: singleGME@osteopathic.org

All services are provided at no cost to the program.
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