The ACGME and Rural Programs

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Discussion of Topics

- RC-Family Medicine: Who We Are and What We Do
- NAS – Annual Data Review/Accreditation Decisions
- 1-2 Program Sub Committee Background and Update
- Proposed New FAQ

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- RC for Family Medicine Webpage (PRs, FAQs, etc., etc.)
- ACGME Glossary of Terms
- Application Instructions
- Site Visit FAQs
- ACGME Policies & Procedures
- Duty Hour FAQs and Resources

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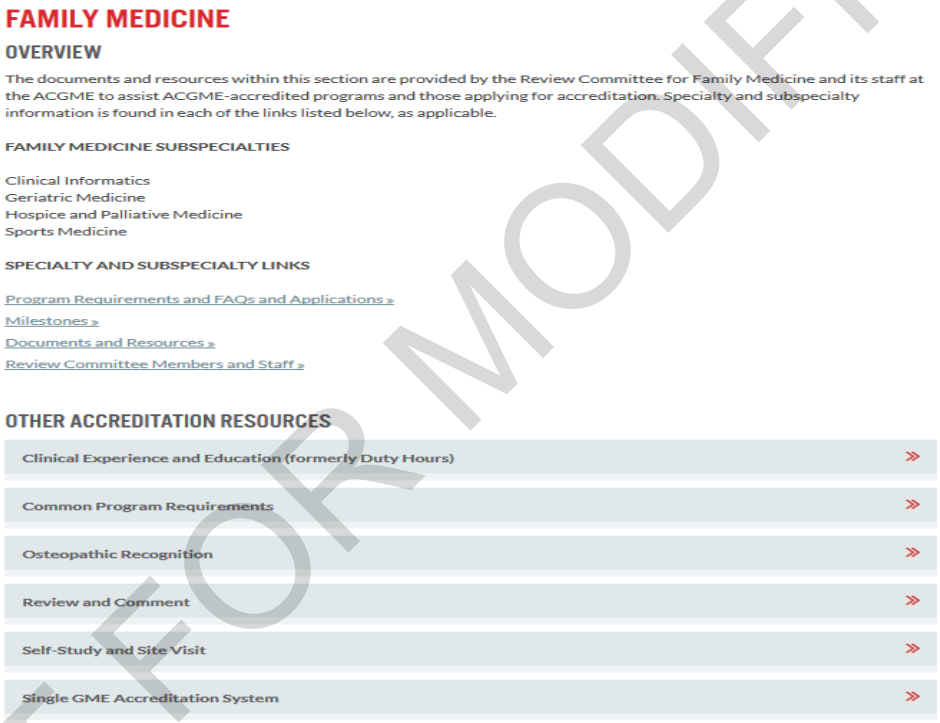
RC-Family Medicine Webpage

The Review Committee meets *three times* a year

Meeting and agenda closing dates on webpage



FAMILY MEDICINE

OVERVIEW

The documents and resources within this section are provided by the Review Committee for Family Medicine and its staff at the ACGME to assist ACGME-accredited programs and those applying for accreditation. Specialty and subspecialty information is found in each of the links listed below, as applicable.

FAMILY MEDICINE SUBSPECIALTIES

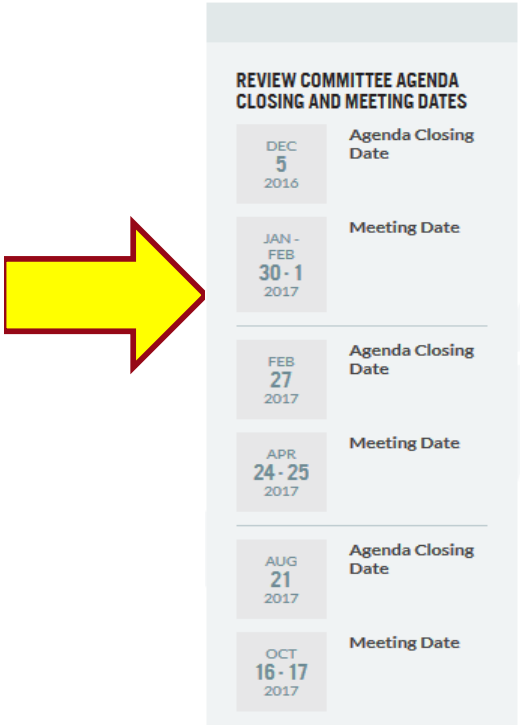
Clinical Informatics
Geriatric Medicine
Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Sports Medicine

SPECIALTY AND SUBSPECIALTY LINKS

Program Requirements and FAQs and Applications »
Milestones »
Documents and Resources »
Review Committee Members and Staff »

OTHER ACCREDITATION RESOURCES

- Clinical Experience and Education (formerly Duty Hours) »
- Common Program Requirements »
- Osteopathic Recognition »
- Review and Comment »
- Self-Study and Site Visit »
- Single GME Accreditation System »



REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA CLOSING AND MEETING DATES

DEC 5 2016	Agenda Closing Date
JAN - FEB 30 - 1 2017	Meeting Date
FEB 27 2017	Agenda Closing Date
APR 24 - 25 2017	Meeting Date
AUG 21 2017	Agenda Closing Date
OCT 16 - 17 2017	Meeting Date

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RC-Family Medicine Composition

- 4 appointing organizations – AAFP, ABFM, AMA *and* AOA
- One public member
- 14 voting members
- Ex-officio member from AAFP and ABFM (non-voting)
- 6 year terms - except resident (2 years)
- Program Directors, Chairs, Faculty, and Public Representation
- Geographic Distribution
  - AZ, CA, GA, IL, KS, MA, MO, NJ, NY, NC, PA, VA

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The Work of the RC

- Reviews programs with regards to Common and Specialty Program Requirements
- Determines accreditation status for programs
- Proposes revisions to Program Requirements
- Discusses matters of policy, issues relevant to the specialty
- Recommends changes in policy, procedures and requirements to the ACGME Council of Review Committee Chairs

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Status of Family Medicine Programs (as of January 2017)

Status	FM Core (#)	HPM (#)	Sports Med (#)	Geriatric Med (#)
Initial Accreditation	44	23	12	3
Initial Accreditation w/Warning	5	1	0	0
Continued Accreditation	452	101	118	40
Continued Accreditation w/Warning	19	1	0	0
Probation	0	0	0	0

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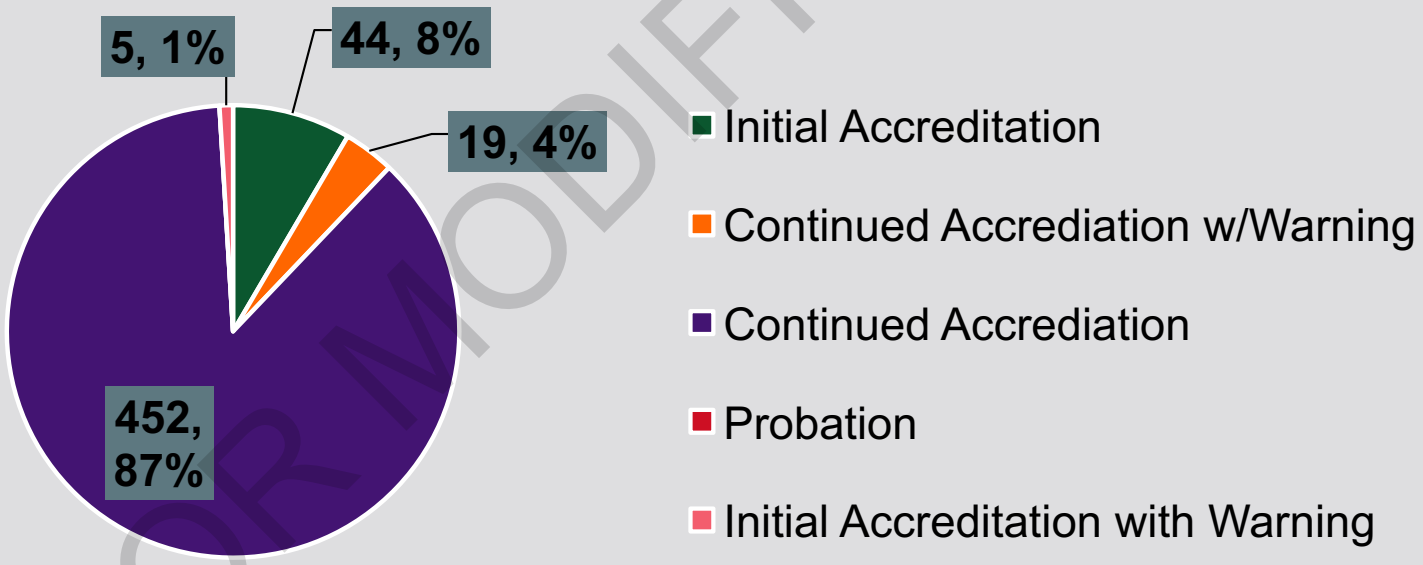
Status of Family Medicine Programs - CORE (as of January 2017)

FM Core



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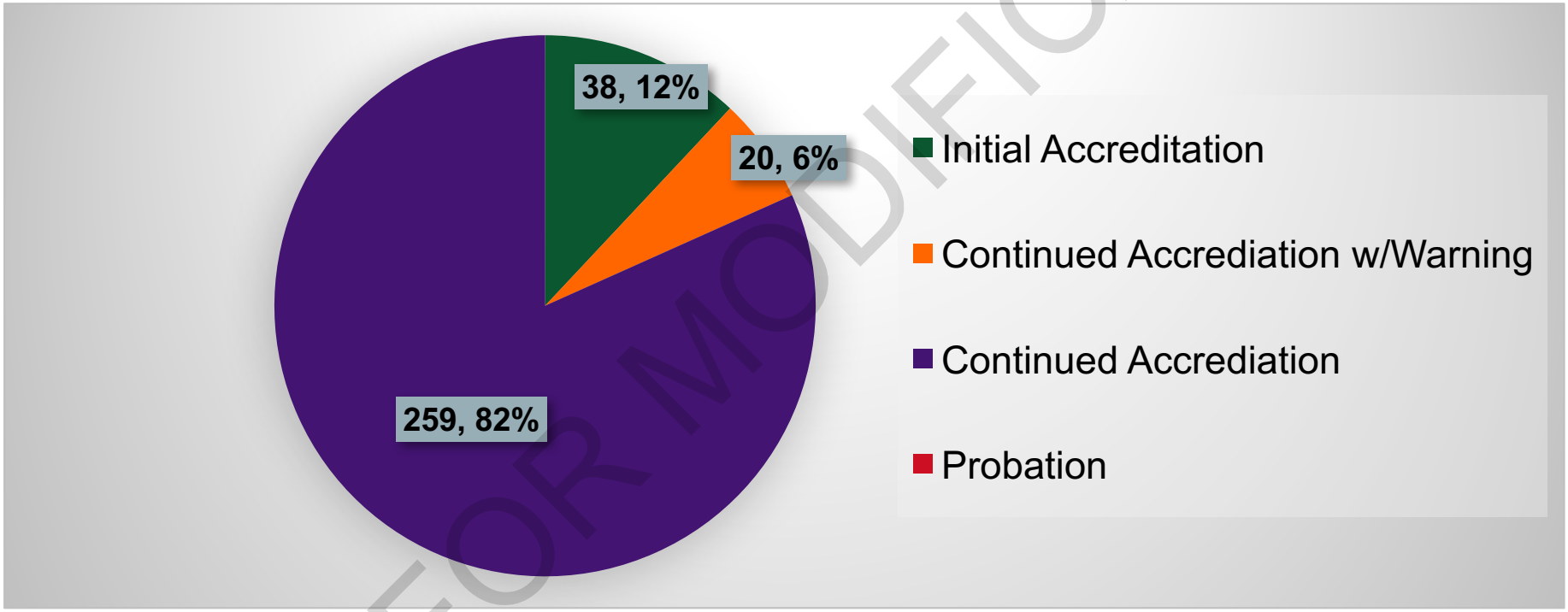
Status of Family Medicine Program - Subs

(GM, SM, HPM Combined) - as of January 2017



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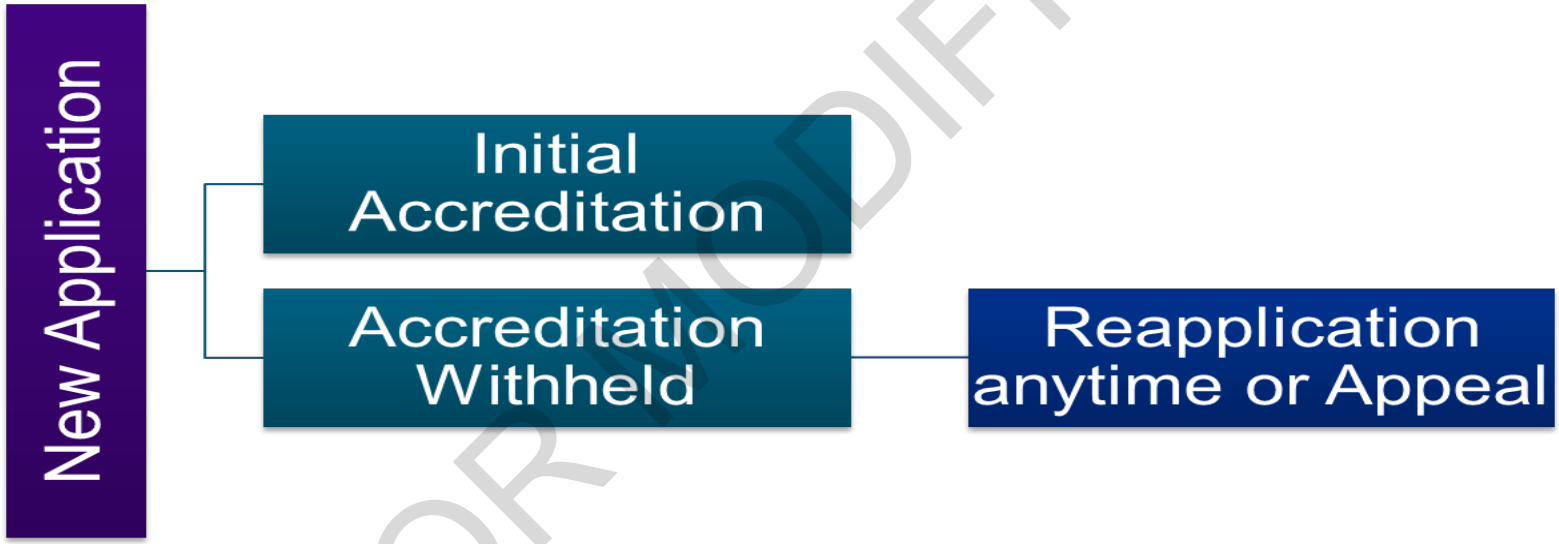
Accreditation Status Options

for New Applications



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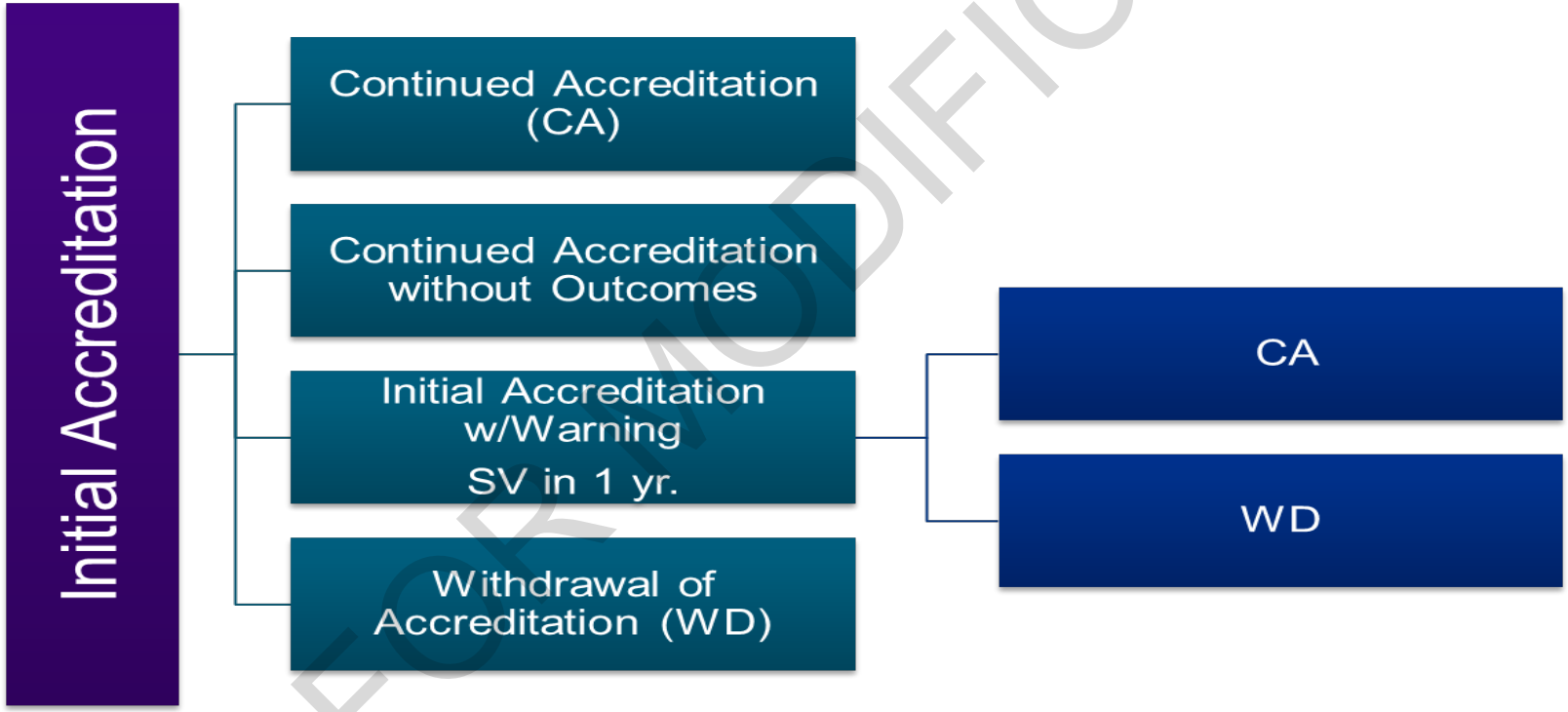
Accreditation Status Options

Following the Initial Site Visit



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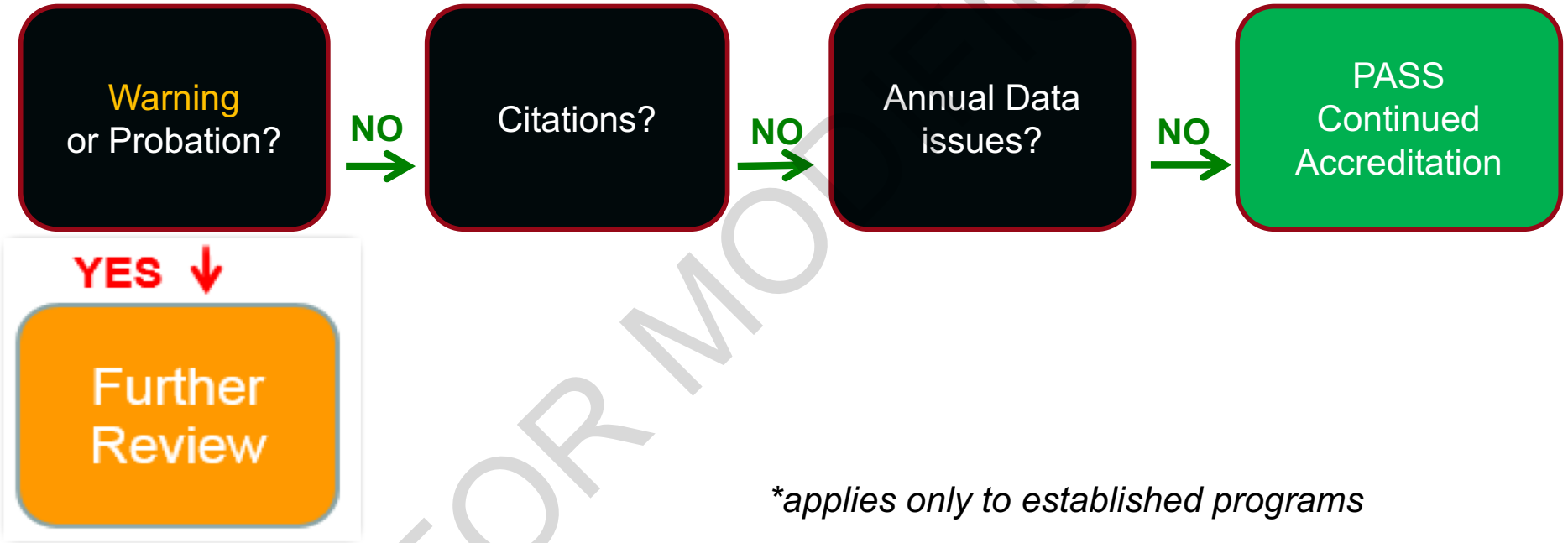
Annual Program* Review



*applies only to established programs

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Most Common Citations

- Board pass rate
- Pediatric patient population (<10 years)
- Faculty role-modeling inpatient care (maternity, pediatric, adults)

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Most Common AFIs

- Faculty scholarship
- Resident and Faculty Survey
- Board pass rate

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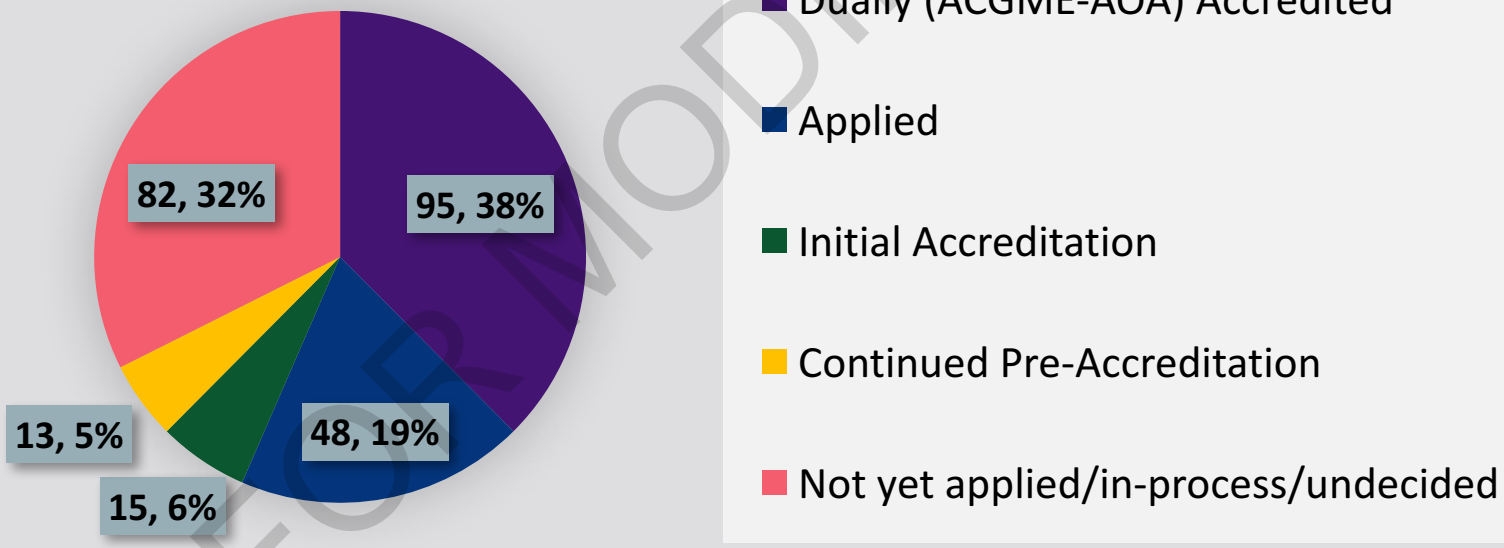
Single GME Accreditation System

AOA Accredited FM Programs - 253 Total



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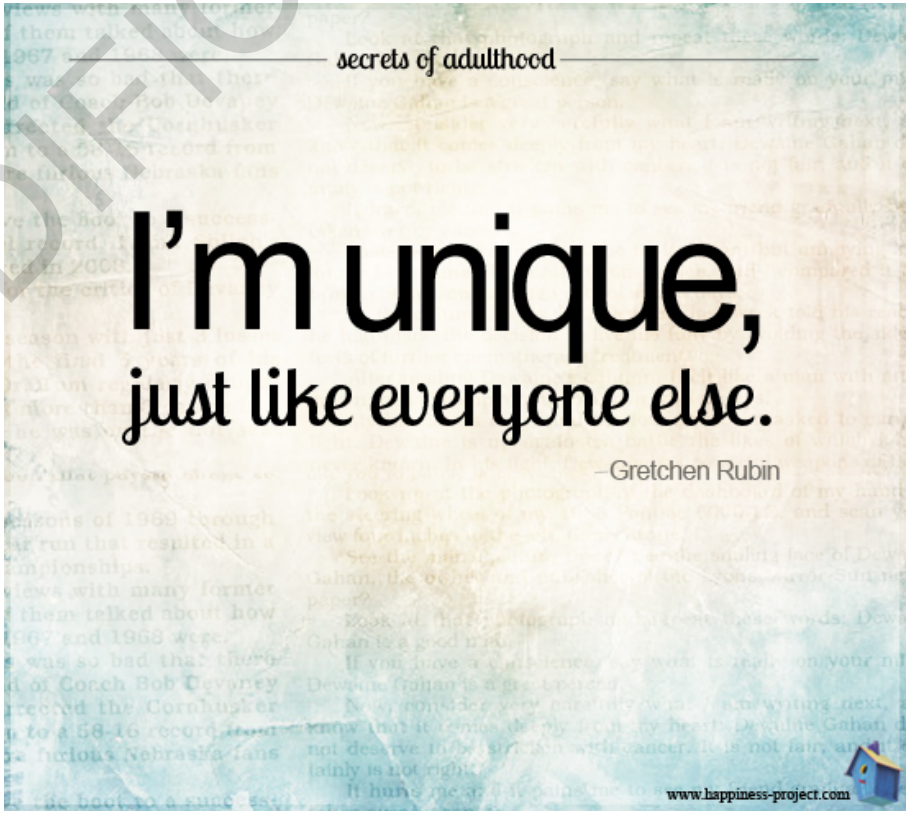
1-2 Programs: Rural Training Tracks

- Program Concerns
- Field Staff Concerns
- Review Committee Concerns
- ACGME Concerns



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FM 1-2 Subcommittee Charge

Problem
- Lack of Clarity

Process
- Stakeholder Assessment

Outcomes
- Field Staff Guide
- Program FAQs

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Subcommittee

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- Sam Jones, MD
- Rob Danoff, DO
- Suzanne Allen, MD
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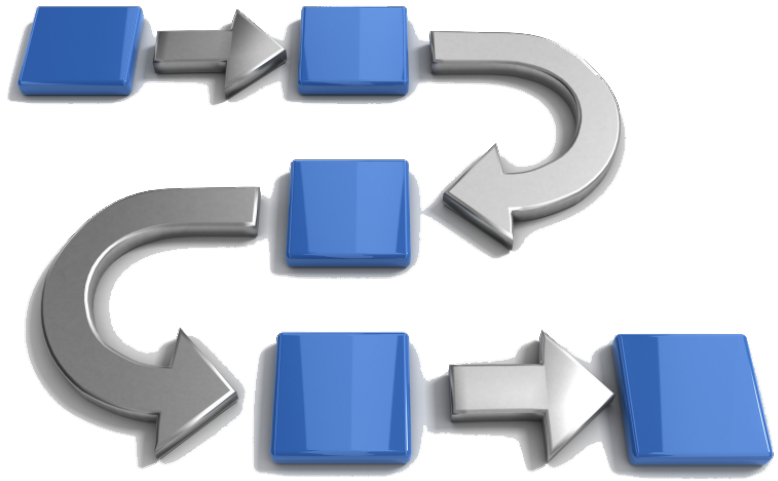
Subcommittee Process

- Stakeholder Assessment
  - Field Staff Concerns
  - Program Questions



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Field Staff Guide

- Major Changes:
  - Interviews of PD of core program and 1-2 program
  - Interview site director for 1-2 program PGY2/3 FMP
  - Interview PGY 2/3 Core faculty
  - Removed interview of PGY1 Core faculty or core residents

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Approach to FM 1:2 Format Site Visits	Application	Initial Accreditation	Continued Accreditation
Visit Core program site	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tour Core FMC	Yes	Yes	No
Visit PGY2-3 Site	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meet/Interview DIO	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meet PGY2/3 Administration	Yes	Yes	Yes
Interview Core Faculty (PGY1 Rotations)	Yes	No	No
Interview PGY2/3 Core Faculty	Yes	Yes	Yes
Interview Core Program Residents PGY1 rotations	Yes	Yes	No
Interview 1-2 Program PGY1 at Core	N/A	Yes	Yes
Interview residents at PGY2/3 site	N/A	Yes	Yes
Interview 1:2 site director	Yes	Yes	Yes
Interview PD for 1:2	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Program Director Interviews

- Overall format
- Role as PD
- Site director role
- Program Administration
- CCC/PEC
- Faculty Scholarship
- ITE Requirement
- Board pass rate
- Distance to core
- Updated contact info

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Themes from Interviews

- Heterogeneous group
- Distance between core site and site for PGY2/3 range from 30-500 miles
- Not all 1:2 are rural
- Most concerned about resources with increased requirements

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FAQ's: Iterative Process

- Draft FAQ document started at RTT – Thank you for sharing!
- Subcommittee presented edited FAQ document to RC-FM in January 2017

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FAQ's: Developing Clarity

- What is a "Rural Training Track"?
- When is a separate accreditation required by the ACGME RC-FM for a RTT, and when can the track be done as a program expansion only?
- What defines "substantial support and integration" between the Rural Training Track and the core program?
- Program size requirements?
- PD and faculty requirements?

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Review Committee

- Approval for additional WebADS questions for 1-2 Programs
- Draft Question:

"If your program operates in the 1-2 format (year 1 at the core program and years 2/3 at a different often rural site) provide an overview of the 1-2 program and briefly outline the ongoing oversight of the residents by the Program Director, core faculty, Site Director, and CCC in the space below"

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Next Steps

- Feedback from the Community
- April RC-FM Committee Meeting
  - Finalize FAQs Draft
  - Finalize Web ADS updates
- Further clarification of definition of 1-2 Programs at ACGME beyond Family Medicine Specialty

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