

INFORMATION ABOUT ON-SITE REVIEWS OF RCPSC PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE

The Accreditation Bulletin is an occasional communication to provide focused information as we prepare for the accreditation on-site visit from RCPSC and CFPC.

There is a separate news corner for each of the 4 main stakeholders preparing for accreditation:

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 **General Accreditation and Resources:**

Decoding the ABBREVIATIONS:

CFPC = College of Family Physicians of Canada

FAQ = Frequently Asked Questions

HUEC = Hospital University Education Committee

PSQ = Pre-Survey Questionnaire

RCPSC = Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada





ACCREDITATION TIMELINES AT A GLANCE

January 2013

- ****January 31, 2013****
 - ◆ **Hospital/facility PSQs DUE TO RCPC**
 - ◆ **“A” standards PSQ DUE TO RCPC *(PSQ for the central PGME Office)**
- **Vice/Associate Dean meetings with Residents**
- FM Programs/Sites submit final PSQs
- Hospitals/Health Facilities submit final PSQs
- Remind your team about your program/site/hospital review dates

JANUARY 2013						
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April 2013

- On-site accreditation meetings April 7-12, 2013 INCLUDING Sunday evening reception at the Royal Ontario Museum which is a ‘must attend’ meeting for ALL Program Directors (i.e. regardless of whether programs do or do not have on-site review)

APRIL 2013						
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June 2013

- CFPC Accreditation Committee decisions on CFPC Programs

October 2013

- RCPC Committee on Accreditation decisions for RCPC Programs

February 2013

- **Vice/Associate Dean meetings with Residents**
- On-site schedules for on-site reviews for RC & CFPC Programs/Sites confirmed

March 2013

- Presentations & documentation for meetings finalized
- Remind your team about your program/site/hospital review dates

 Program Director News**INFORMATION ABOUT ON-SITE REVIEWS OF RCPC PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE****Mandated Reviews: 11****All programs meeting the following criteria must undergo an on-site review (N=11 for U of T) :**

1. Programs that are considered as **core specialties** with subspecialties. These programs that will have an April 2013 review include:
 - General Surgery
 - Internal Medicine
 - Obstetrics & Gynecology
 - Pediatrics
 - Psychiatry
2. Programs that had an **accreditation status** other than full approval at any time following the on-site survey of 2007, either granted at the survey or subsequent to the survey. These programs that will have an April 2013 review include:
 - Critical Care Medicine (pediatric)
 - Diagnostic Radiology
 - Infectious Diseases (adult)
 - Infectious Diseases (pediatric)
 - Medical Genetics
3. The program is a **conjoint** Royal College/CFPC accredited program. These programs that will have an April 2013 review include:
 - Palliative medicine

Remaining programs eligible for exemption: 54

Not every program that was deemed appropriate for an exemption will in fact be exempted. As an integral part of the pilot program that the University of Toronto agreed to participate in after full consultation with Clinical Departmental Chairs and each residency Program Director, some programs that met all criteria for exemption were randomly selected for an on-site review. This was felt to be important to allow for an evaluation of the validity of the exemption process, create a random audit function within the pilot, and reduce any negative connotations when a program is selected for an on-site review. The results of our participation will shape the future of residency program Accreditation in Canada.

Program Director News continued

4. Programs **Exempted from On-site Survey**

Each program eligible for exemption was reviewed by the Accreditation Committee and the decision on whether a program was exempted from the on-site survey was based on the recommendations received from the:

- a. Specialty Committee
- b. A reviewer of the Accreditation Committee
- c. Resident organization (CAIR)
- d. Postgraduate dean

The following 23 programs have been **exempted** from the on-site review based on the recommendations from the above-mentioned groups. In October 2013, these programs will receive the accreditation status of ACCREDITED PROGRAM with follow-up at the next regular survey.

- Anatomical Pathology
- Cardiology (pediatric)
- Clinical Immunology & Allergy (adult)
- Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Clinician Investigator Program
- Colorectal Surgery
- Critical Care Medicine (adult)
- Dermatology
- Developmental Pediatrics
- Endocrinology & Metabolism (pediatric)
- Forensic Pathology
- General Pathology
- Gynecologic Oncology
- Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- Medical Microbiology
- Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
- Nephrology (adult)
- Neuropathology
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- Radiation Oncology
- Respiriology (pediatric)
- Thoracic Surgery

5. The following 31 programs have been scheduled for an on-site survey in April:

- Adolescent Medicine
- Anesthesiology
- Cardiac Surgery
- Cardiology (adult)
- Clinical Immunology & Allergy (pediatric)
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology & Metabolism (adult)
- Gastroenterology (adult)
- Gastroenterology (pediatric)
- General Surgical Oncology
- Geriatric Medicine
- GREI
- Hematological Pathology
- Hematology
- Medical Oncology
- Neuroradiology
- Neurology (adult)
- Neurology (pediatric)
- Neurosurgery
- Nuclear Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
- Pediatric Surgery
- Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
- Pediatric Radiology
- Plastic Surgery
- Public Health and Preventive Medicine
- Respiriology (adult)
- Rheumatology (adult)
- Rheumatology (pediatrics)
- Urology

 Program Director News continued

6. The following programs have been deemed **INACTIVE** and will not be reviewed at the time of the survey. These programs that will *not* have an April 2013 review include:
- Medical Biochemistry
 - Nephrology (pediatric)
 - Occupational Medicine
7. The following programs will not be reviewed at the time of the survey based on prior discussions and agreement. These programs that will *not* have an April 2013 include:
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
 - Forensic Psychiatry
 - Geriatric Psychiatry
 - Orthopedic Surgery
 - Vascular Surgery

SCHEDULE FOR RCPSC ONSITE SCHEDULES AVAILABLE at:

http://www.pgme.utoronto.ca/sites/default/files/public/EdResearch/Accreditation/MASTER_SCHEDULE_UofT2013.pdf

FAMILY MEDICINE PROGRAMS & SITES

- Schedule for Family Medicine Sites and meetings has been approved by CFPC. A copy can be found at the PGME website at:

http://www.pgme.utoronto.ca/sites/default/files/public/EdResearch/Accreditation/CFPC_SCHEDULE_UofT2013.pdf

- Revisions to PSQs and schedules are ongoing in January...with most in and a few more being polished up.

Important dates & timelines for Program Directors

- **DOUBLE** check your calendar and make sure that you **ARE** planning to attend the Sunday afternoon/evening session which is the launch of accreditation week....a 'must attend' event for ALL RC + FM Program Directors and FM Site Directors.
- On February 26, 2013, the PGME office will have a registration and accreditation information session for program administrators. This session will offer support/assistance with preparation for onsite visits and an opportunity to ask us your questions. **WATCH** for the notices to register.

Resources for 'next steps'

If you have questions, contact pgmecordinator@utoronto.ca

Resident Readiness

- Remember that April 2013 is accreditation time for PGME at U of T.
- Over the past 3 years, many residents have been involved in the internal review of their program.
- Early in 2013, the Vice Dean Dr. Salvatore Spadafora and/or Associate Dean Dr. Glen Bandiera will hold a series of meetings with residents' affiliated health facilities to orient you to the upcoming accreditation activities and deadlines. **Watch** for notices and come out and get caught up on PGME and accreditation activities.
- As accreditation week is a 'must attend' activity that occurs every 6 years, you may notice that vacation and conference requests for absence are *not* available for accreditation week (i.e. April 7-12). This is because the accreditors' expectation is to have an opportunity to meet with all residents.

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Hospital and Facilities Hints

- Thanks to all who have worked to polish their Hospital & Health Facility Pre Survey Questionnaires (PSQ).
- Many have arrived...and more are arriving daily.
- WATCH for information over next few weeks about which hospitals and health facilities will have visits during accreditation week.

Important dates & timelines for Hospitals & Facilities

- January 21, 2013 is the final deadline for Hospitals/Health facilities to submit completed PSQs to PGME.

Resources for 'next steps'

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Program Administrators

- Most of the schedules for on-site visits have been submitted.
- Now that the details of who and when are known, we will be working with those programs over the next few weeks to finalize what we submit to the RC.
- The finalization of schedules is at the discretion of the RCPSC.

Important dates & timelines for Program Administrators

- January 2013 deadlines for submission of schedule for on-site programs.
- On February 26, 2013, the PGME office will have a registration and accreditation information session for program administrators. This session will offer support/assistance with preparation for onsite visits and an opportunity to ask us your questions. WATCH for the notices to register.

Resources for 'next steps'

- The next bulletin will be focused on how to prepare for the on-site survey.

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