

Internal Review Committee

As a subcommittee of the Postgraduate Medical Education Advisory Committee (PGMEAC) for the University of Toronto, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, the Internal Review Committee (IRC) oversees accreditation activities for all residency programs. This includes Family Medicine and Areas of Focused Competence (AFC) diploma programs, which are monitored according to RCPSC and CFPC standards of accreditation. The Internal Review Committee also undergoes a Quality Improvement review at the end of each accreditation cycle to ensure the process remains relevant and useful. To find out more about accreditation, please go to:

<https://pgme.utoronto.ca/faculty-staff/accreditation/>

IRC Activities March 2021-May 2022

- 37 Programs AFI's and progress were reviewed (AFCs included)
- 3 AFC Internal Review Reports
- Institutional draft action plan
- Learning Environment Process
- Program Administrator Report Process

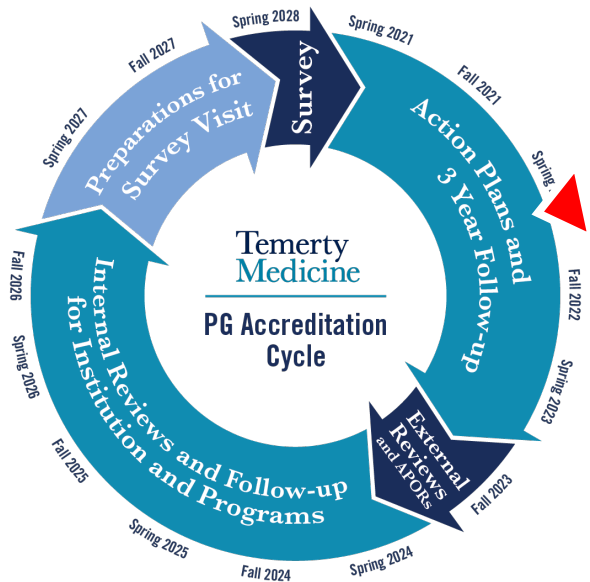
Follow-up Requested

- 6 resubmit of Action Plans
- 3 internal reviews
- 8 resident reports
- 3 program administrator reports
- 3 follow-ups on AFIs related to Learning Environment

Timelines – What's coming next

- Programs will begin to submit their Draft APOR's to the PGME office in October 2022 for review. The final versions are due to the RCPSC/CFPC by November 30, 2023.
- Programs that have an outcome of external review, will have their internal reviews commencing in October 2022 – November 2022. The IRC will review their internal review reports beginning December 2022.
- Royal College will conduct external reviews by November 2023.
- The PGME office will begin organizing internal reviews of programs with follow-up at regular cycle in 2024-2026.
- The next accreditation on-site survey will take place in November 2028.

The PGME Accreditation Team will continue to work with programs throughout each process. Workshops will be organized for PAs and PDs to support their program's needs. The Accreditation Team will meet with programs on request to review AFI's, discuss APOR's, accreditation questionnaires or assist with any questions with regards to the process. The PGME Assessment Team is also available to review ITERS/ITARS and other assessment needs of programs.



Areas of Focus Competence (AFC) Programs

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada has established national standards for evaluating and accrediting Canadian Areas of Focused Competence (AFC) programs. Currently, at the University of Toronto, we have 11 accredited AFC programs. Departments that are preparing New Applications for AFC programs (or Residency Training programs) can contact pgmecoordinator@utoronto.ca for application resources.

Accredited AFC Programs:

Addiction Medicine	Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology (inactive)
Adult Cardiac Electrophysiology	Adult Interventional Cardiology
Brachytherapy	Child Maltreatment Pediatrics
Cytopathology (inactive)	Hyperbaric Medicine
Pediatric Urology	Transfusion Medicine
Trauma General Surgery	

AFC programs with Applications In Progress:

Adult Congenital Heart Disease	Adult Hepatology
Hematopoietic Cell Transplant	Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS)
Pre-Hospital Transport Medicine	Retina
Sleep Disorder Medicine	Solid Organ Transplant

Resources for AFC programs

PGME has organized an AFC Meeting on June 23rd, 2022, for Program Directors and Program Administrators to discuss Accreditation updates, online management systems, trainee portfolio management, and an AFC internal review cycle.

PGME has developed an orientation manual for AFC programs which is available on our website [here](#)

Questions?

Please contact pgmecoordinator@utoronto.ca if you have any questions.

