New Terminology for the
CATEGORIES OF ACCREDITATION

Each program considered by the Accreditation Committee is granted an accreditation status or category of accreditation as outlined below. In order to maintain the integrity of the program, the Accreditation Committee does not separately accredit individual components of a program; rather the category of accreditation applies to the program as a whole.

**Accredited New Program**

**Definition:**
- An acceptable application for a residency program.
- Within 24 months of a resident being enrolled, a College-mandated internal review of the program must be conducted.
- This review may be delayed until the first resident(s) enrolled in the program reaches the specialty-specific portion of the program, i.e. beyond a basic clinical year or surgical foundations years, to allow assessment of the educational aspects unique to the program.

**Accredited Program**

**Definition:**
- Program demonstrates acceptable compliance with standards.

**Follow-up of the Program will be by the following:**
- Regular External Survey in 6 years
- Normal University-governed internal review required at mid-cycle

In addition to the regular external surveys and normal University-governed internal reviews, follow-up may also be required by one of the following:

- Progress Report
  **Definition:**
  - Specific issue(s) are identified and require follow-up only on the identified issue(s). A complete review of the whole program is not required.
  - The written progress report is produced by the Program Director and is due within 12-18 months.

  OR

- College-Mandated Internal Review
  **Definition:**
  - Major issues are identified in more than one standard
  - An internal review of the program is required and is conducted by the University.
  - The internal review is due within 24 months.

  OR
• External Review
  Definition:
  • Major issues are identified in more than one standard AND
    o Concerns are specialty-specific and best evaluated by a reviewer from the discipline
    OR
    o Concerns have been persistent OR
    o Concerns are strongly influenced by non-educational issues and can best be
      evaluated by a reviewer from outside the university
  • A focused or complete review of the program is required.
  • The review is organized by the respective College.
  • The external review is conducted within 24 months.

Accredited Program on Notice of Intent to Withdraw Accreditation

Definition:
• Major and/or continuing non-compliance with one or more standards which calls into
  question the educational environment and/or integrity of the program.
• External review is conducted within 24 months by 3 people (2 specialists + 1 resident).
• Residents in the program or already contracted to enter the program, as well as all
  applicants to the program, must be advised immediately by the program director of the
  status of the program.
• At the time of the review, the program will be required to show why accreditation should not
  be withdrawn.

Withdrawal of Accreditation

Definition:
• Decision to withdraw accreditation of a program becomes effective immediately unless there
  are residents enrolled in the program in which case it becomes effective at the end of the
  academic year in which the decision is taken.
• No credit will be given by the respective College to any residents for training taken in a
  program once the accreditation of the program has been withdrawn.
• A request to reinstate the accreditation of such a program will not be considered by the
  Accreditation Committee for at least one year following the date of the decision of the
  Accreditation Committee.
• In those cases where accreditation has been withdrawn from a program because the
  program has been inactive, the one-year waiting period may be waived.

Accreditation will be immediately withdrawn from a program that becomes inactive following a
notice of intent to withdraw accreditation.

A school may voluntarily withdraw a program but may not reapply for accreditation for at least one
year from the date of withdrawal.

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