Clinical Experience: How Do We Measure It? Why Is It Important?

There are an American expression about "counteracting bears." This is generally used in the context of thriftiness or reactivity already in accreditation, some might apply this theory to how faculty members and residents purify that sufficient clinical experience is occurring in a program. Understandably, some regard the accreditation requirements on nothing more than useless consuming. But it does matter to document clinical experience here are three general reasons.

1. A standard for residents need a specialty for recent clinical experience. It is a basic tenant of graduate medical education. The ACGME expects both of the residents in an accredited program will have sufficient experience, and that there will be a pattern of clinical experience.

2. Many married students would voice how much clinical experience a recent graduate has, this may be expected at the time of an interview. This is an application for external validation of the program to credentialing processes, and on an application for further training (including residencies, fellowships, and other training). Accreditation standards are written internationally, and in the context of international accreditation, it is one of the main regulatory indicators. Accurate record of recent clinical experiences provides the Review Committees International with accurate information to use in their annual review of each program.

3. As an educational institution, an educational program has an obligation for the educational experience of the residents. It is a legal and regulatory obligation to provide a comprehensive and consistent orientation to residents. It is also an educational requirement that residents should have a consistent and meaningful orientation to their clinical experiences. Clinical experiences are not only a requirement for educational benefit, but also a requirement for a resident’s accreditation in a program. ACGME requires (as we have revised the ACGME website) a minimum of 1,000 hours of clinical experience in the last three years. The Clinical experience is born out of the ACGME website.

2017 ACGME Annual Educational Conference

We encourage our international colleagues to attend the ACGME Annual Educational Conferences 9-12 March 2017. This year’s event, themed of what is ‘ignoring innovation,’ will be held at the Ontario Science Centre in Ontario, Florida.

The following features of the conference are particularly noteworthy:

1. A special international track will feature three sessions tailored for ACGME’s International Programs:
   * ACGME Accreditation Challenge for Medical Education Speakers: Dr. Kim Bonn Long (Singapore) and Dr. Elena Ber (Israel)
   * Crossing the Cultural Chasms: A Different Kind of CCC Speaker: Dr. Michelle Morse, with experience educating in Haiti, Rwanda, and Vietnam, and Dr. Ricardo Capera (Panama, now teaching in the US)
   * Review Committees International Update of Special Interest Groups

2. Plenary sessions focusing on frontiers in medical education, including:
   * Dr. Michelle Morse, CEO of ACGME and Dr. Kelley Smith, whose efforts are concentrated in faculty development and physician well-being.
   * 5 sessions on diverse topics, including the Milestones, quality improvement, workplace evolution, remediation of residents, and the healthcare team.

3. The ACGME’s Dr. Susan Opi and Lori Laws will be available for individual meetings to address particular issues regarding accreditation.
   * To sign up for a meeting, the ACGME website has a form available. Additionally, the ACGME Accreditation Data System (ACDS) will be available on a web tool to address technical questions or concerns. This service will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET on both Friday and Saturday, March 10.

4. A reception with light refreshments for international attendees is planned for Friday, March 10, 2017 from 7 to 9 p.m. (ET) in the conference area.

Online conference registration remains open until Friday, February 10. After that date, no registration will be available at the conference. Different details regarding registration and hotel availability can be found on the ACGME website.

We look forward to seeing you there!