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Message from the President and CEO

I am pleased to address our global community and present the 2024-2025 ACGME International (ACGME-I) Annual Report. The past year was characterized by continued growth, investments in infrastructure, and a focus on building bridges and community across borders.

Our growth has been characterized by both new institutions and countries, as well as an increase in accredited programs in our established institutions. As of 30 June 2025, we welcomed three new Sponsoring Institutions: Kameda Medical Center (Japan); Lebanese American University (Lebanon); and King Faisal Specialty Hospital & Research Centre (Saudi Arabia). We also accredited 20 new programs in six countries across a range of specialties. All of our engagements are a unique opportunity to learn from each other, and to develop a shared understanding of the goals and objectives of their post-graduate medical education enterprise.

As we grow, the diversity of our accredited institutions and programs represents both a testament to the value of our accreditation services across a range of learning environments, as well as an opportunity to build a diverse educational community. Over 15 years ago, it was not known whether a single set of global standards could be applied successfully across borders. We have since proven that this can be done, as long as the accreditation process incorporates sensitivity and respect for local context and medical culture. Our Review Committee-International members from around the world maintain high standards with appropriate flexibility and recognition of differences across nations. We are indebted to all these volunteers who are the foundation of our unique, multinational peer-review process.

While accreditation as a driver of program improvement is the core of what we do, an ancillary benefit of ACGME-I accreditation is joining a truly international community of medical educators. We hope that this community will enhance graduate medical education (GME) across the world by fostering collaborations, research, innovation, and expansion of educational opportunities for residents and fellows. I have been pleased to see that many graduates of ACGME-I-accredited programs are obtaining fellowships in both ACGME-I-accredited Sponsoring Institutions and in the US. I expect to see more formal educational collaborations evolve over time, facilitated by the fact that our

programs follow the same educational framework. We are keen to support innovative paradigms in GME. We're also committed to supporting research on GME, and recently formed a research interest group to help facilitate this.

Regarding our investment in the future through technological advancements in accreditation information systems, over the past year, with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in the US, we have been building an accreditation data system for the future. The goal is to create a system that is easier to use, is able to connect with other data resources, utilizes advanced analytics (including artificial intelligence) to improve accreditation processes, and ensures security and data privacy. We also want to place information into your hands, so you can set goals for program improvement based on data and appropriate benchmarks. Our new systems will be implemented gradually over the next several years, beginning with the introduction of ACGME Cloud and new, simplified sign-on processes in 2025.

I believe the future is bright for medical education across the world, and hope that ACGME-I can play at least a small part of advancing the mission of improving GME and thus patient care and health in the communities we serve. Certainly, there are many challenges, particularly as conflicts and tensions between nations increase. It is important for us to maintain focus on improving medical education, innovating, and building bridges across borders. I am encouraged about the good we can do every time I visit one of our accredited institutions and meet the dedicated educators and enthusiastic residents and fellows. I look forward to working with you and hope we welcome many more to our community in the future!

Finally, I welcome Dr. Deb Weinstein as the new Chair of our Board of Directors. Dr. Weinstein is the new ACGME President and Chief Executive Officer, and in accordance with ACGME-I Bylaws, assumes the position of ACGME-I Board Chair. She brings a wealth of experience in medical education, leadership, and administration, and is the ideal person to help guide us into the future!

As always, I will end this letter with a heartfelt thank you to the residents, fellows, faculty members, and medical education leaders in our community. The entire ACGME-I team is privileged to work with you to improve GME and patient care in your communities.

With enthusiasm and humility,



James A. Arrighi, MD



Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors

It is with great enthusiasm and a strong sense of purpose that I write to you during my first year as Chair of the ACGME International (ACGME-I)

Board of Directors and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Since assuming these roles in January 2025, I have been inspired by the extraordinary work being done to advance graduate medical education (GME) across the globe through innovation, collaboration, and shared learning. Together, we utilize accreditation to assess and enhance the quality of resident and fellow physicians' education in order to improve health care and population health.

The partnership between ACGME-I and the ACGME in serving this shared mission continues to thrive. As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate the achievements of our partners and accredited institutions around the world, whose commitment to excellence and continuous improvement is shaping the future of medical education in meaningful and lasting ways.

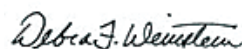
One of the guiding principles of my leadership is a belief in the power of innovation to transform systems and elevate outcomes. Across ACGME-I-accredited programs, we see creative approaches to curriculum design, faculty development, and assessment that are not only contextually relevant but also forward-thinking. These innovations are not confined by geography—they offer insights and models that can inform and enrich GME everywhere.

Thus, programs, Sponsoring Institutions, and ACGME and ACGME-I learn from and enrich each other. ACGME-I is not simply an extension of the ACGME; the organizations have a dynamic and reciprocal partnership. The global initiatives and diverse educational environments within ACGME-I-accredited institutions and programs provide invaluable opportunities for the ACGME to learn, adapt, and grow. Whether through collaborative research, shared best practices, or cross-cultural dialogue, we are continually reminded that excellence in medical education is a global endeavor.

As we look ahead, I am excited about the possibilities that lie before us. Together, we will continue to build bridges across borders, challenge conventional thinking, and pursue excellence with humility and curiosity. I am grateful to our international partners, our dedicated staff members, and the entire ACGME-I community for their unwavering commitment to our shared mission. I am also grateful to Dr. Thomas J. Nasca, whose vision and 18 years of leadership brought ACGME-I into existence and elevated both organizations to their current level of ongoing positive impact. I'd also like to congratulate to ACGME-I President and CEO Dr. Jim Arrighi for his thoughtful, collaborative, and steadfast leadership, and his work in charting the course for ACGME-I's future.

Thank you for your support and engagement. I look forward to all we will accomplish together.

With warm regards,



Debra F. Weinstein, MD

2025 ACGME International Awards

PHYSICIAN LEADER AWARD

"My primary driver into medicine was in seeking a path that would be useful to the many women who colored my life and the lives of so many."



Sawsan Abdel-Razig, MD, MEHP is the Chief Academic Officer of Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi (CCAD) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. Dr. Abdel-Razig previously served as the first designated institutional official at CCAD. She was recognized as one of the leaders of Abu Dhabi's graduate medical education (GME) reform during her tenure with Abu Dhabi's Department of Health from 2010-2015.

PHYSICIAN EDUCATOR AWARD

"[This award] reminds us that quality medical education transcends borders and can thrive anywhere, as long as there is commitment, resilience, and a shared vision."



Fritz Verly Vernet, MD is the program director of the internal medicine residency program at Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais (HUM) in Haiti, as well as the Medical Education Director and Nephrology Project Coordinator at Zanmi Lasante, the parent organization of HUM. Dr. Vernet championed innovations in the residency program to strengthen the learning environment and led the program to its achievement of ACGME-I accreditation, despite challenging circumstances in the country. In 2019, Dr. Vernet was appointed as a faculty member at HUM and took on several roles, eventually becoming the medical education director in 2024.

STAFF AWARD

"By giving people the space to contribute, you not only unlock their full potential but also encourage creativity, innovation, and ownership of their work."



Ziyana AlKhusaibi is the Manager of Graduate Medical Education at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi in the UAE. Serving in that role since 2017, Mrs. AlKhusaibi played a pivotal role in the launch of the institution's GME programs and achievement of ACGME-I accreditation of 10 residency and fellowship programs. In a previous role with Abu Dhabi's Department of Health, she helped establish the nation's GME foundations, including the Medical Education and Academic Development UAE residency match program (formerly known as TANSEEQ).

WHO WE ARE

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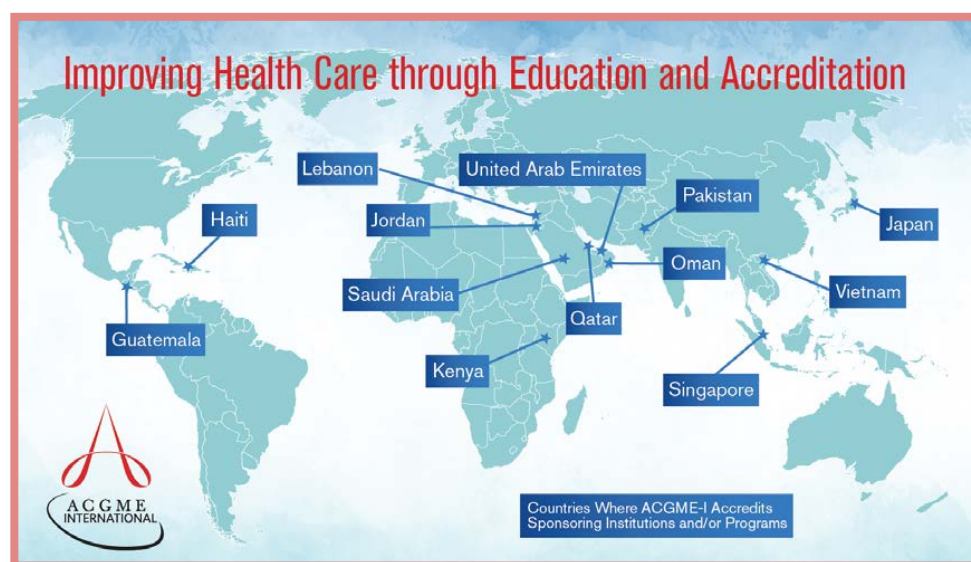
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Where We Are

The map below highlights the countries in which ACGME-I provides accreditation services to Sponsoring Institutions and/or programs (current as of 30 June 2024).



STATISTICS and FINANCIALS

Statistical Report

The data displayed throughout this statistical report represent growth since 2011 and specific details from the 2024-2025 academic year (ending June 30, 2025), as applicable.

The data demonstrate the reach, size, and growth of ACGME International (ACGME-I) in terms of the number of accredited Sponsoring Institutions and programs, countries with accreditation relationships with ACGME-I, and total learners in those accredited programs. This growth has been steady in all categories and includes notable expansion of new Sponsoring Institutions over the past several years.

ACGME-I provides accreditation services to Sponsoring Institutions and/or programs in 13 countries, as well as countries where those services are contracted but not yet in place. Represented across these 13 countries are 59 specialties, of which 23 are specialty (residency) and 36 are subspecialty (fellowship) programs.

Academic Year Range	Total Sponsoring Institutions	Total Programs	Specialty Programs (Residency)	Subspecialty Programs (Fellowship)	Total Residents/ Fellows
2011-2012*	3	39	39	0	684
2012-2013*	10	39	39	0	850
2013-2014	10	89	61	28	1,769
2014-2015	11	99	70	29	2,274
2015-2016	12	101	72	29	2,337
2016-2017	13	133	95	38	2,759
2017-2018	13	148	109	39	3,032
2018-2019	14	149	107	42	3,038
2019-2020	16	157	108	49	3,191
2020-2021	19	164	110	54	3,216
2021-2022	20	180	122	58	3,317
2022-2023	21	193	128	65	3,506
2023-2024	23	201	127	74	3,308
2024-2025	27	202	135	67	3,428

*Only Singapore had accredited programs in these years.

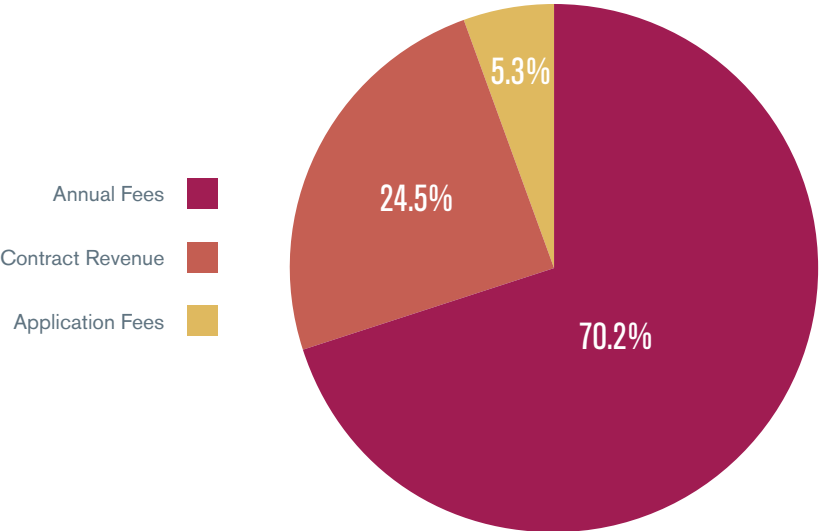
Financial Report

During 2024, total operating revenues for ACGME International (ACGME-I) amounted to \$3.3 million.

Operating revenue comes primarily from annual fees charged to programs accredited during the year, which accounted for 70.2 percent of total operating revenues in 2024. Revenues from contracts for educational services and the accreditation of specified Sponsoring Institutions and programs accounted for an additional 24.5 percent. The balance of revenues came from fees for applications by programs not specified under contracts.

Note: ACGME-I's fiscal year runs from 1 January-31 December. These figures represent ACGME-I audited results from Fiscal Year 2024.

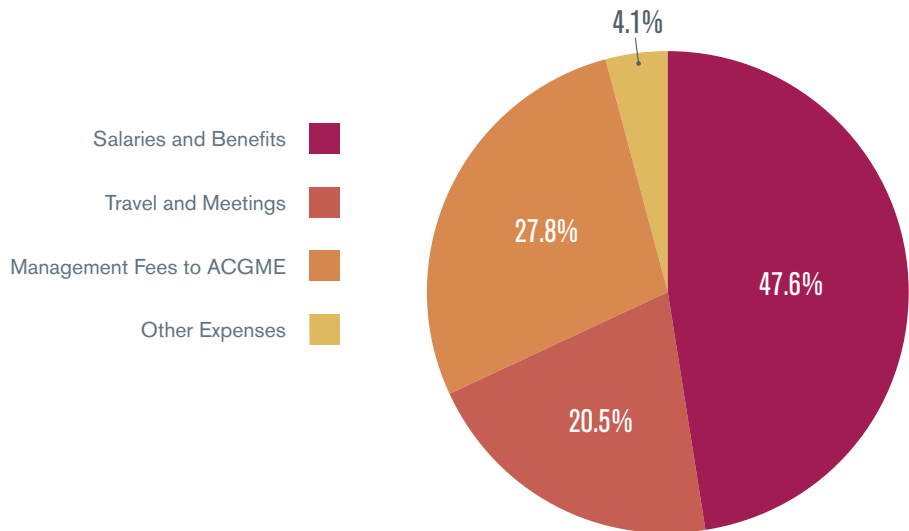
2024 Operating Revenue		
Annual Fees	\$2,333,999	70.2%
Contract Revenue	\$813,468	24.5%
Application Fees	\$175,000	5.3%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,322,467	100.0%



During 2024, total operating expenses amounted to \$3.0 million.

Salaries and benefits accounted for 47.6 percent of ACGME-I's total annual expenses. Travel and meetings represented 20.5 percent of expenses. Management fees paid to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accounted for 27.8 percent of total expenses.

2024 Operating Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,423,414	47.6%
Travel and Meetings	\$614,250	20.5%
Management Fees to ACGME	\$830,617	27.8%
Other Expenses	\$123,574	4.1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,991,855	100.0%



Other income/expenses of \$740,358 primarily consists of unrealized investment gains.

Based on operating results and other income/expenses, net income in 2024 was \$1,070,970. This includes \$330,612 of net earnings from operations and other income of \$740,358.

Summary of Results	
Operating Revenues	\$3,322,467
Operating Expenses	\$2,991,855
NET EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS	\$330,612
Other Income/Expenses (Investment and Other)	\$740,358
NET INCOME	\$1,070,970



The Mission of ACGME International is to improve health care by assessing and advancing the quality of resident physicians' education through accreditation.

We protect the interests of residents and improve the quality of teaching, learning, research, and professional practice with the ultimate goal of benefiting the public that our accredited programs and graduates serve.

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