

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Introduction

The University of Illinois College of Medicine is pleased to present this annual report on graduate medical education to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. Such reporting is in accordance with the accreditation standards of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Each College of Medicine campus maintains accreditation as an ACGME Institutional Sponsor for the residency and fellowship programs based at its campus, as the clinical affiliations are unique to each campus and residency rotations are largely confined to the surrounding region. Each campus thus has a separate associate dean and ACGME Designated Institutional Official, reporting to the regional dean or, in the case of Chicago, to the College's senior associate dean for educational affairs.

Sponsorship of the two residency programs in Urbana formerly sponsored by the University of Illinois College of Medicine was transferred to the Carle Foundation as of July 2018.

Graduate Medical Education (GME) consists of the post-medical school training of physicians, under supervision, in preparation for independent practice. Medical school graduates first complete a residency program, of three (e.g., internal medicine, pediatrics) to seven (neurosurgery) years' duration, and leading to board eligibility in that specialty. Many then go on to subspecialty fellowship training of one to three additional years, gaining eligibility for additional board certification in a subspecialty (e.g., an internist who completes further training in cardiology).

Overview of the GME programs at each campus

Chicago

The Chicago Campus sponsors 63 ACGME-accredited programs – 22 residencies and 41 fellowships – and in addition oversees additional fellowship programs that are institutionally sponsored, meaning that there is no external body offering accreditation in these disciplines. The Graduate Medical Education Committee in Chicago, led by associate dean for graduate medical education and ACGME Designated Institutional Official for Chicago, assists the associate dean in maintaining all accreditation and reporting requirements for the ACGME-accredited programs and holds the non-accredited programs to comparable standards as well.

The programs sponsored by the Chicago Campus provide clinical experiences within UI Health, the Jesse Brown Veterans Affairs Hospital, and affiliated institutions across the metropolitan Chicago area; most notably Advocate Christ Medical Center, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Mercy Hospital, McNeal Hospital, Mount Sinai Hospital and John H. Stroger Hospital.

All programs are based at UI Health, with rotations to these other hospitals providing a variety of experiences to complement those at UI Health, with four exceptions:

- The Metro Group Hospitals general surgery residency and a related surgical critical care fellowship, managed in collaboration with Advocate Illinois Medical Center and distinct from the general surgery program at UI Health;
- A third general surgery program at Mount Sinai Medical Center;
- An internal medicine residency, again separate from the UI Health program, at Advocate Christ Hospital.

Each of the 63 residency and fellowship programs in Chicago that are subject to accreditation by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) continues to have full accreditation, and no individual programs are on probation. The general surgery residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center carries “continued full accreditation with warning” status; no other programs face any prospect of adverse action. The neurosurgery residency’s warning status, as reported last year, was removed after a successful follow-up site visit in March 2019. In addition, the College’s status as Institutional Sponsor for all ACGME-accredited programs conducted at UI Health and other major affiliates was reaffirmed in January 2019, with commendation and no citations.

The programs at UI Health completed their third ACGME Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) during 2018-2019. The CLER process is a component of the ACGME’s “New Accreditation System,” and provides valuable input regarding the six focus areas of CLER (patient safety; health care quality, with a special focus on health care disparities; trainee supervision; transitions of care; duty hours/fatigue management and mitigation; and professionalism).

Peoria:

The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria campus sponsors 17 ACGME accredited programs – 12 residencies and 5 fellowships. In addition, this campus oversees 3 additional fellowships that lack external ACGME accreditation but are institutionally sponsored. The Joint Oversight Committee for Academic Programs (JOCAP) led by the regional dean provides a forum for collaboration and growth of the residencies at two clinical affiliate sites –Unity Point Methodist Medical Center (psychiatry and family medicine) and OSF St Francis Health Care (all other disciplines). Both clinical affiliates are co-located with the College of Medicine buildings in central Peoria, and strongly committed to the educational mission of the College.

A new transitional residency program was approved by the ACGME and will began enrolling trainees in July 2019. In addition, the JOCAP (OSF) approved expansion of the programs to include a residency in child neurology, and three fellowships in neonatology, pediatric hospital medicine and point of care ultrasound. These programs are at varying stages of submitting their application to ACGME. All other programs are fully accredited, without any threat of adverse action; the obstetrics and gynecology residency program’s warning status was removed by ACGME in February 2019.

Peoria’s clinical affiliates were evaluated through the ACGME CLER process for the 3rd time in January 2018. In response to deficiencies identified in the past report, GME has developed several educational programs for faculty and residents. We anticipate that the 4th CLER visit will occur in the next year.

Rockford

The Rockford campus sponsors three family medicine residency programs and a fellowship in hospice and palliative care medicine. The largest of the three residencies is based at Swedish

American Hospital in Rockford; the second program utilizes Swedish American Hospital for the first residency year with the final two years based at Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital in Dixon, Illinois. The latter program had been on probation with ACGME, but this was successfully reversed in April 2019 and both now have continued full accreditation status. A third program, a rural training track based in Monroe, Wisconsin and modeled on the Dixon program with its initial year based at Swedish American, holds initial accreditation status from both ACGME and the American Osteopathic Association, and will be revisited for full accreditation status during AY 2019-2020, as will the new hospice and palliative care medicine fellowship. Also, in AY 2018-2019, Swedish American Hospital hosted an ACGME CLER visit, generating valuable input toward residents' involvement and education in patient safety and quality initiatives.

Recruitment outcomes for the 2018-2019 residency and fellowship application cycle

The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) is the principal source for recruitment of trainees. During the 2018-2019 recruitment cycle (i.e., those trainees who began our programs in July 2019), all positions offered through the match filled. Several preliminary surgery one-year positions in Chicago and in Peoria were not offered in the Match, and filled independently.

In the two prior Match cycles (2017 and 2018), concern had arisen about a decline in the percentage of positions in the Chicago programs that were filled by graduates of the College of Medicine - 13-14% of positions, as compared to a historical norm of 20% or more. This year, 17% of those matching in Chicago were graduates of the College of Medicine (all campuses). While this is reassuring, we will continue to work to understand the prior deviation from historical norms and ensure full opportunity for all College of Medicine students.

Summary

The graduate medical education programs sponsored by the College of Medicine across the Chicago, Peoria, and Rockford campuses are thriving. These programs are essential to the educational, clinical and service missions of the College of Medicine, UI Health, our clinical partners in Peoria and Rockford, and the University of Illinois. Together, we have built the foundation for high quality health care throughout the state – newly refreshed data from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs shows that 43% of the physicians currently licensed in the State of Illinois received their MD degree and/or completed postgraduate training in our programs.

We are grateful to UI Health, the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, and all our clinical affiliates across the state for their commitments to our programs and trainees. We are committed to the work of continuous quality improvement in our GME programs to continue serve as destination sites for future learners.

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