Resident Focus Groups
Graduate Medical Education Committee — Policies and Procedures

Recognizing that the ACGME’s Resident/Fellow Survey is an additional tool to monitor graduate medical education and that the survey provides early warning of potential non-compliance with ACGME standards, the GMEC will conduct annual Resident Focus Groups using the ACGME Resident/Fellow survey reports.

For each of our residency and fellowship programs, a Program Director from a different program will be assigned to meet with the residents. This meeting will review the program’s most recent ACGME Resident Survey results and will provide an opportunity for residents to raise any issues related to their professional, ethical and personal development.

The Program Director will provide a written report to the program and to the GMEC by November 1, which will be presented at a designated GMEC meeting. Programs will be required to develop a written Action Plan to correct any valid areas of concern. Action plans will be reviewed and monitored by the GMEC.

The ACGME surveys all specialty and subspeciality programs (regardless of size) every year between January and June. At the close of each program survey, aggregate reports will be made available and the GME Executive Committee will review all results. If survey results indicate a trend toward non-compliance, an expedited Resident Focus Group will be scheduled.

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