

POSTGRAD ACCREDITATION 2020



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Message from the PGME Associate Dean

It is quite a feeling to look back on the accreditation site visit which already seems so, so long ago and to now, after all we have endured since then, be in receipt of the final reports. It really highlights the emotional highs and lows of both accreditation and the pandemic and the dedication of our program leads and faculty who have remained focused on program quality amid all of the other cognitive and time demands. Simply, I am awestruck and inspired. The Internal Review Committee (IRC) has taken on the responsibility of helping all programs develop action plans, specifically those that have a mandated College follow up in three years and all are actively working on program improvement. And three years it is! The CanRAC consortium (CFPC, RC, CMQ) was receptive to feedback about the tight timelines and have afforded us more time. Our commitment is to not waste this opportunity –we now have more ‘breathing room’, not to defer or delay progress, but rather to use this luxury of more time to develop thoughtful plans, meaningful outcome measures and feasible deployment strategies. I have every confidence in Linda Probyn and Laura Leigh Murgaski and the entire accreditation team, along with the highly competent IRC members to provide exemplary oversight and advice.

As far as the Institutional Report goes, we continue to enact our plans through our Streamlined Onboarding Working Group, HUEC, and the new Learner Assessment of Clinical Teaching (LACT) initiative. These initiatives will also help support some of the program-level concerns that arose, particularly those related to learner experience and teacher assessment. Again, the IRC and accreditation team will help to weave together the responses integrating central and program solutions.

I am happy to point out that much of the feedback and all themes that arose from accreditation and the necessary work related thereto align very closely with the Temerty Faculty of Medicine Academic Strategic Plan. Work that is rooted in our ‘Voice of the...’ surveys, revised teacher assessments, and the ‘We All Belong’ foundation was happening prior to the accreditation visit and are now starting to show outcomes that will give us plenty of evidence of impact and responsiveness.

As my second term as PG Dean comes to an end this summer, I leave the portfolio knowing what a great group of program directors and PGME staff are in place. We are lucky in Toronto to have a strong pool of talented individuals willing to dedicate themselves to our educational mission. I am proud of the progress we have made across all of our programs and the highly productive relationships we have cultivated with our educational partners across TAHSN, Ontario, Nationally and Internationally. I will miss the role greatly and the people even more. I look forward to whatever points of intersection we have in the future and wish all of you a well-deserved break over the next few weeks to months and every success in your academic and leadership pursuits.

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News and Updates

The Accreditation Committees have reviewed the on-site survey reports and recommendations provided by the Accreditation 2020 survey teams. Final reports and decision letters have been sent to all residency programs and AFC programs will receive their final documents shortly.

Accreditation Program Evaluation Survey

PGME would like to thank those that provided feedback in the Accreditation Program Evaluation Surveys sent out in February. Your responses and comments are greatly appreciated and we will work to address the identified areas for improvement over the next several months. An overview of survey results and next steps will be presented to PGMEAC in the fall.

Timeline for Follow-up Accreditation Activities

In recognition of the ongoing demands on clinicians and impacts on health and education systems, CanRAC has approved a one-year extension for all accreditation follow-up activities at the University of Toronto. This means that all external reviews and action plan outcome reports (APORs) that resulted from the November 2020 survey visit will now be due in 3 years time by **November 2023**.

The **Internal Review Committee** is already working hard to support the programs that have scheduled follow-up in the next 3 years.

2020 PG Accreditation Outcomes

Below is a summary of the **final** accreditation outcomes from the November 2020 survey visit.

PGME Institution

The PGME Institution's outcome is Full Accreditation with follow-up by Action Plan Outcomes Report (APOR) in 3 years

PGME Programs

Full Accreditation with follow-up at Regular Review (in 8 years)

- Adolescent Medicine
- Adult Cardiac Electrophysiology (AFC)
- Adult Cardiology
- Adult Clinical Immunology & Allergy
- Adult Critical Care Medicine
- Adult Endocrinology & Metabolism
- Adult Gastroenterology
- Adult Hematology
- Adult Infectious Diseases
- Adult Respiriology
- Adult Rheumatology
- Anatomical Pathology
- Cardiac Surgery
- Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
- Colorectal Surgery
- Cytopathology (AFC)
- Developmental Pediatrics
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Forensic Pathology
- Forensic Psychiatry
- General Internal Medicine
- General Surgical Oncology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Gynecologic Oncology

- Gynecologic Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility (GREI)
- Hematological Pathology
- Maternal Fetal Medicine
- Medical Genetics & Genomics
- Medical Microbiology
- Medical Oncology
- Neonatal Perinatal Medicine
- Neuroradiology
- Neurosurgery
- Nuclear Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery
- Pain Medicine
- Palliative Medicine
- Pediatric Clinical Immunology & Allergy
- Pediatric Critical Care Medicine
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Pediatric Endocrinology & Metabolism
- Pediatric Gastroenterology
- Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases
- Pediatric Nephrology
- Pediatric Radiology
- Pediatric Respiriology
- Pediatric Rheumatology
- Pediatrics (Core)
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Plastic Surgery
- Public Health & Preventive Medicine
- Radiation Oncology
- Thoracic Surgery
- Transfusion Medicine (AFC)
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery

Full Accreditation with follow-up by Action Plan Outcomes Report (APOR) in 3 years

- Adult Nephrology
- Clinical Investigator Program
- Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Core Surgery (Surgical Foundations)
- Dermatology
- Family Medicine: Core
- Family Medicine: Enhanced Skills Central & Cat. 2
- General Surgery
- Geriatric Psychiatry
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Occupational Medicine
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Pediatric Neurology
- Pediatric Surgery

Full Accreditation with follow-up by External Review in 3 years

- Adult Neurology
- Emergency Medicine
- Neuropathology
- Psychiatry

Full Accreditation – On Notice of Intent to Withdraw Accreditation (follow-up by external review in 3 years)

- Anesthesiology
- Internal Medicine: Core
- Pediatric Cardiology

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication throughout this process! We look forward to continuing our work together as we move into the next accreditation cycle and strive to continuously improve our programs.



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QUESTIONS?

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