



Postgrad Accreditation 2020 Newsletter – Issue 6 (September 2020)

Message from the PGME Associate Dean

Well, at several points in the last 6 months it was uncertain if we'd get to this stage but here we are in the final stretch towards PGME accreditation 2020! We have finalized the schedule for a fully virtual accreditation with the Colleges, started working on platforms and models for conducting the various meetings, and have submitted all required documentation to the Colleges for their consultation and review prior to the big event in November. I must applaud the Colleges for their flexibility and creativity in designing a new model 'on the fly' to proceed with our accreditation on schedule. I am confident that we will be able to demonstrate the excellence across our system and programs in this new format and will generate some very interesting lessons that may inform the future of accreditation in a whole new light.

For all that I respect and admire the College teams, I must say that our local PGME accreditation team and program leadership have outshone them! Thanks to **Kim O'Hearn, Jesse Montgomery, Charles Andreasen Shantel Walcott, Laura Leigh Murgaski, Linda Probyn** and all our **Program Directors** and **Program Administrators**. The immense amount of work done amid these surreal times to get us to this point was incredible. Based on my review of documents, it is also apparent that quality and attention to detail have not been sacrificed in any way in our attempts to adapt and meet deadlines. For that, I am grateful and highly respectful of the great work you all do.



From left to right:
Charles Andreasen,
Linda Probyn, Laura
Leigh Murgaski,
Jesse Montgomery,
Kim O'Hearn and
Shantel Walcott.

The next phase will see us developing the platform and model for the review, finalizing our centralized messages and examples for the institutional component of the review, and working on our

preparation materials for both program and institutional meetings. All those who will be called upon to meet with the surveyors will be well-prepared to discuss the issues and answer questions. Only through accurate, honest and open dialog can we equip the surveyors to provide the best and most helpful reflections on our programs.

On a final note, I wish to acknowledge that our MD program will also be undergoing accreditation earlier in November due to COVID-related deferral. We will all need to show and expect understanding as we undertake the extra work and personal stress that these events entail. I certainly commit to trying my best to keep this in mind as we co-create these exceptional (in many senses of the word) events this fall!

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Questions? Contact me: adpgme@utoronto.ca or our Accreditation team: pgmecoordinator@utoronto.ca

News and Updates

The Colleges have now confirmed that our accreditation visit will take place virtually over two weeks on **November 22nd to December 4th, 2020**. Workshops to provide tips on how to prepare for the Accreditation Visit will be held in September and October. We've now received the Accreditation Visit Master Schedule from the Royal College and the CFPC. See below to review the complete program and site schedules.

We have uploaded and submitted the accreditation questionnaires for the Royal College programs and Family Medicine accreditation questionnaires will be submitted in September. **Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!**

Pre-Accreditation Visits with the Colleges

The Resident and Department/Division Chair pre-survey meetings have been scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020. These meetings will be held virtually and recorded for those that are unable to attend.

Resident Pre-Accreditation Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Department/Division Chair Pre-Accreditation Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020

Time: 10:45 am – 11:45 am

The recordings for the pre-accreditation meetings held in August are now available on the PGME website at <https://pg.postmd.utoronto.ca/faculty-staff/accreditation/>

Accreditation at Your RPC Meetings

For additional support in preparing for the accreditation visit, Associate Dean Glen Bandiera and Director of Postgraduate Administration & Evaluation Linda Probyn will attend Residency Program Committee (RPC) meetings remotely over the next few months to provide assistance, useful

guidance, and to answer program specific questions. For more information and to schedule a meeting please contact Kim O’Hearn at pgmecoordinator@utoronto.ca

Preparing for the Accreditation Visit- Internal Workshops

PGME has scheduled virtual workshops on “Preparing for the Accreditation Visit” and “Meeting the Surveyor Team”. These workshops will discuss strategies to prepare for our upcoming accreditation visit including communication with faculty and trainees, electronic documentation and how to demonstrate that your program is meeting the accreditation standards. Please see the workshop dates and registration details below.

Workshop A: Preparing for the Accreditation Visit

Audience: *Program Directors and Program Administrators*

This workshop is designed to prepare programs for the upcoming virtual RCPSC and CFPC Accreditation Visit on November 22nd to December 4th, 2020. This will include how to prepare your documents for an on-line review as well as how to prepare your faculty and residents for the virtual review. Use of the virtual platform will be discussed as well as other logistics of the review. The same workshop will be held on four separate dates to help accommodate schedules. *Please register below:

Workshop B: Meeting with the Survey Team

Audience: *Program and Site Administrators*

This workshop is designed to prepare Program and Site Administrators for the upcoming virtual RCPSC and CFPC Accreditation Visit on November 22nd to December 4th, 2020. This will include how to prepare for the 15-minute meeting with the Survey Team and will review what questions are likely to be asked. The same workshop will be held on four separate dates to help accommodate schedules.

Please visit our website at <https://pg.postmd.utoronto.ca/faculty-staff/accreditation/> to register.

If you have any questions about these sessions, please reach out to pgme.events@utoronto.ca

Royal College Program Master Schedule

The following tables include the Accreditation Master Schedule for Royal College Programs.

WEEK 1 (Sunday, November 22, 2020 to Friday, November 27, 2020)

Sun-Nov-22	Mon-Nov-23	Tues-Nov-24	Wed-Nov-25	Thurs-Nov-26	Fri-Nov-27	
Department Chair Meetings (Afternoon)	Surgical Foundations (Day 1)	Orthopedic Surgery (Day 1) (FIRE program)	Orthopedic Surgery (Day 2) (FIRE program)	Program Deliberations (Monday/Tuesday program reviews)	Surgical Foundations (Day 2)	Surgical Foundations Program Deliberations
		General Surgery (Day 1)	General Surgery (Day 2)			
		Obstetrics and Gynecology (Day 1)	Obstetrics and Gynecology (Day 2)			
		Neurosurgery (Day 1)	Neurosurgery (Day 2)			
		Otolaryngology – HNS (Day 1)	Otolaryngology – HNS (Day 2)			
		Plastic Surgery (Day 1)	Plastic Surgery (Day 2)			
		Urology (Day 1)	Urology (Day 2)			
		Vascular Surgery (Day 1)	Vascular Surgery (Day 2)			
		Cardiac Surgery	Pediatric Surgery			
	Internal Medicine (Day 1)	Internal Medicine (Day 2)	Program Deliberations (Thursday program reviews)	Internal Medicine (Day 3)		
	Anesthesiology (Day 1)	Anesthesiology (Day 2)		Palliative Medicine (adult) - ER		
	General Internal Medicine	Geriatric Medicine		Endocrinology and Metabolism (adult)		
	Rheumatology (adult)	Occupational Medicine		Pain Medicine		
	Cardiology (adult) (Day 1)	Cardiology (adult) (Day 2)		Adult Cardiac Electrophysiology (AFC)		

	Maternal Fetal Medicine	GREI		Gynecologic Oncology
	Radiation Oncology (Day 1)	Radiation Oncology (Day 2)		Medical Oncology
	Gastroenterology (adult)	Infectious Diseases (adult)		Nephrology (adult)
	Psychiatry (Day 1) (FIRE program)	Psychiatry (Day 2) (FIRE program)		Psychiatry (Day 3) (FIRE program)
	Geriatric Psychiatry	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry		Forensic Psychiatry
	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Day 1)	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Day 2)		Medical Genetics and Genomics
	Diagnostic Radiology (Day 1)	Diagnostic Radiology (Day 2)		Nuclear Medicine
	Pediatric Radiology (Day 1)	Pediatric Radiology (Day 2)		Neuroradiology
	Neurology (adult) (Day 1)	Neurology (adult) (Day 2)		Clin. Pharmacology & Toxicology
	Anatomical Pathology (Day 1)	Anatomical Pathology (Day 2)		Cytopathology (AFC)

****Surgical Foundations:** To be included in Surgical Foundations onsite review Cardiac Surgery, General Surgery, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Urology and Vascular Surgery

WEEK 2 (Monday, November 30, 2020 to Friday, December 4, 2020)

Mon-Nov-30	Tues-Dec-01	Wed-Dec-02	Thurs-Dec-03	Fri-Dec-04
General Surgical Oncology	Thoracic Surgery	Program Deliberations (Monday/Tuesday program reviews)	Colorectal Surgery	Program Deliberations (Thursday program reviews)
Pediatrics (Day 1)	Pediatrics (Day 2)		Adolescent Medicine	
Rheumatology (pediatric)	Gastroenterology (pediatric)		Endocrinology and Metabolism (pediatric)	
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine	Cardiology (pediatric)		Developmental Pediatrics	
Clinical Immunology and Allergy (pediatric)	Infectious Diseases (pediatric)		Respirology (pediatric)	

Critical Care Medicine (adult)			Critical Care Medicine (pediatric)
Emergency Medicine (Day 1)	Emergency Medicine (Day 2)		Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Hematology	Hematological Pathology		Transfusion Medicine (AFC)
Forensic Pathology	Neuropathology		Medical Microbiology
Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Respirology (adult)		Clinical Immunology and Allergy (adult)
Clinician Investigator Program (Day 1)	Clinician Investigator Program (Day 2)		Neurology (pediatric)
Dermatology (Day 1)	Dermatology (Day 2)		Nephrology (pediatric)
Ophthalmology (Day 1)	Ophthalmology (Day 2)		Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

**** Programs Not Reviewed:** Adult Interventional Cardiology (AFC); Brachytherapy (AFC); Trauma General Surgery (AFC); Child Maltreatment Pediatrics (AFC); and Interventional Radiology

Family Medicine Site Master Schedule

The following tables include the Accreditation Master Schedule for Family Medicine Programs and Sites.

Family Medicine Sites

	Wednesday, November 25	Thursday, November 26	Friday, November 27
Team 1	Mount Sinai Hospital	Toronto East Health Network	Southlake Regional Health Centre
Team 2	Scarborough Health Network	Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre	Credit Valley Hospital
Team 3	Toronto Western Hospital	North York General Hospital	Rural Program
Team 4	St. Joseph Health Centre	Women's College	Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
Team 5	Mississauga Hospital	St. Michael's Hospital	Markham Stouffville Hospital

Enhanced Skills Programs

	Wednesday, November 25	Thursday, November 26
Team 1	FP-Anesthesia	Clinical Scholar
Team 2	Emergency Medicine	Sports and Exercise Medicine
Team 3	Care of the Elderly	Category 2
Team 4	Palliative Care	Addictions Medicine

QUESTIONS?

For all accreditation related matters and questions, please email: pgmecoordinator@utoronto.ca

Resources

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