

Accreditation Counsel for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Competencies

Competencies: Specific knowledge, skills, behaviors, attitudes, and the appropriate educational experiences required of residents to complete GME programs. These include patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning and improvement, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, and systems-based practice.

Competency	Definition
PATIENT CARE	Provide patient care in a quality controlled manner. Effectively communicate with the referring physician and/or other appropriate individuals in a timely manner.
MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE	Engage in continuous learning using up-to-date evidence and applying appropriate state-of-the-art techniques to meet the needs of patients, referring physicians and the health care system.
PRACTICE BASED LEARNING AND IMPROVEMENT	Participation in the evaluation of one's personal practice utilizing scientific evidence, practice guidelines and standards as metrics, and self-assessment programs in order to optimize patient care through lifelong learning.
INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS	Communicate effectively with patients, colleagues, referring physicians, and other members of the health care team concerning informed consent, safety issues, and the indications for and the benefits, risks, and side effects of care, as well as the integration with other treatment modalities and the proper work-up and follow-up of patients.
PROFESSIONALISM	Commit to high standards of professional conduct, demonstrating altruism, compassion, honesty, and integrity. Follow principles of ethics and confidentiality and consider religious, ethnic, gender, educational, and other differences in interacting with patients and other members of the health care team.
SYSTEM-BASED PRACTICE	Understand how the components of the local and national healthcare system function interdependently and how changes to improve the system involve group and individual efforts. Optimize coordination of patient care both within one's own practice and within the healthcare system. Consult with other healthcare professionals, and educate healthcare consumers, regarding the most appropriate utilization of care resources.

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http://www.acgme.org/acgmeweb/Portals/0/PFAssets/ProgramResources/430_CompetencyDefinitions_RO_ED_10182007.pdf Accessed October 12, 2015.