

GME Core Curriculum

In addition to the discipline-specific proficiencies that residents must develop, the ACGME has identified a set of generic educational requirements that must be provided in all residency training programs. Following are the learning goals for each generic requirement:

Ethics

- Residents should develop an understanding of basic ethical principles.
- Residents should understand and protect patients' rights.
- Residents should understand their ethical responsibility to society.
- Residents should understand the principles of ethical research.

Scholarship and Lifelong Learning

- With the assistance of mentors and colleagues, residents should establish personal standards for their behavior, attitudes, skills, and knowledge.
- Using external and subjective evaluative methods, residents should assess their learning/development needs and establish a plan for self-improvement.
- Residents should develop an ability to assess the medical literature critically.
- Each resident should apply the basic principles of the scientific method in his/her practice setting.
- Residents should participate in scholarly activities.

Physician as Communicator and Teacher

- Residents should demonstrate the effective communication skills essential to the practice of medicine.
- Residents should lead and work with others in creating an educational environment and in caring for patients.
- Residents should become competent in teaching clinical skills and professional attitudes and behaviors.

Personal and Professional Development

- Residents should be altruistic, putting the interests of the patient and the community before their own.
- Residents should be accountable to both patients and the community.
- Residents should deal with patients, families, and colleagues with honesty and integrity.
- Residents should strive to achieve excellence in all aspects of their academic and professional endeavors.
- Residents should show respect for others.
- Residents should develop the skills that will help them balance a demanding career with a fulfilling personal and family life.

Medical Practice Issues

- Residents should understand basic legal terms and concepts related to the practice of medicine, especially their legal obligations regarding patient information and the provision of end-of-life care.

- Residents should be knowledgeable about the basic concepts, principles, and language of health care economics, including the variety of reimbursement systems and the mechanisms for assessing quality of care.
- Residents should understand how governmental regulatory and independent accreditation agencies monitor individual medical practices and health care organizations.
- Residents should understand the "business" aspects of managing a medical practice, including appropriate selection/employment of medical personnel.

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