Coalition for Physician Accountability Accepts Report and Recommendations from UME-to-GME Review Committee

Report and 34 recommendations released to the public

WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 26, 2021) The Undergraduate Medical Education to Graduate Medical Education Review Committee (UGRC), an independent body of stakeholders commissioned by the Coalition for Physician Accountability to review this important set of issues and formulate recommendations, has submitted its final report to the Coalition. The report and 34 recommendations to improve the transition from medical school to residency has been accepted by the Coalition and released to the public.

The release of the report marks the formal completion of the work of the UGRC. In transitioning the report of the UGRC to the Coalition, the Co-chairs shared the following statement:

“Over the past year, the UGRC worked tirelessly towards developing solutions to improve the UME-to-GME transition for all involved. We strove to follow a set of guiding principles that supported the public good and encouraged us to act boldly and transparently to address the challenges within the current transition. We believe the recommendations we put forward will create better organizational alignment across the transition, address inequities, enhance wellness and produce many additional positive outcomes.

The UGRC could not have completed its work without the invaluable input and feedback we received from the public and stakeholder organizations throughout the past year. The conversations we had and comments we received from students, program directors, DIOs, medical school deans, medical educators, international medical graduates, and the public had a profound impact in guiding our work and informing the final recommendations.

On behalf of the UGRC, we thank the Coalition for the support in conducting this important work, the independence afforded in drafting its recommendations, the acceptance of the report and recommendations and the commitment of the individual Coalition membership organizations to move the recommendations forward. We encourage the organizations to act diligently and with a sense of urgency as we believe these recommendations will have a profoundly positive impact on the UME-to-GME transition once implemented.

We would like to sincerely thank each member of the UGRC for their expertise, thoughtfulness and dedication to improving the UME-to-GME transition for all.”
Elise Lovell, MD and George C. Mejicano, MD, MS
Co-chairs, UGRC

The Coalition is committed to working together as each individual Coalition membership organization further explores how to address moving forward with the UGRC’s recommendations, collectively and individually. Additional information will be forthcoming as progress is made on planning and implementation of the recommendations.

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About the Coalition for Physician Accountability

The Coalition for Physician Accountability is a membership organization designed to advance health care and promote professional accountability by improving the quality, efficiency, and continuity of the education, training, and assessment of physicians. Founded in 2011, current membership consists of senior leadership and governance representatives from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), American Medical Association (AMA), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates|Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (ECFMG®|FAIMER®), Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), NBME, the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), and the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP). In addition, the Joint Commission and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) serve as liaison members. The Coalition also appoints public members to its membership to ensure adequate representation of the public voice in the deliberations of the Coalition.