



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 2014 MEETINGS OF THE
ACCME BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

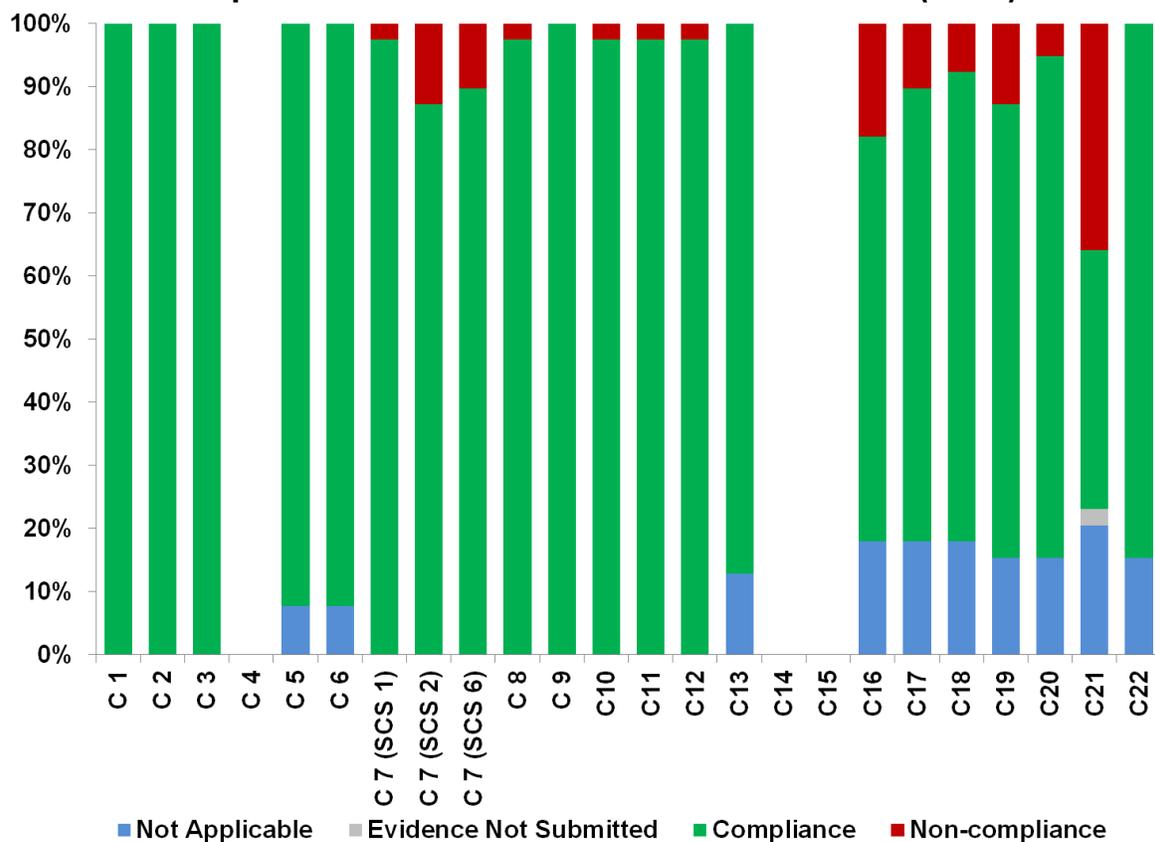
Accreditation Decision Making

The ACCME ratified 39 accreditation and reaccreditation decisions. These included 12 providers that received **Accreditation with Commendation** (31%), which confers a 6-year term of accreditation. Fourteen providers (36%) received **Accreditation**; 3 of these (8%) are required to submit progress reports; 11 (28%) do not need to submit progress reports. One provider (2%) was placed on **Probation** and is required to submit a progress report. Of the 12 initial applicants, 10 received **Provisional Accreditation** (26% of the total; 83% of initial applicants) and 2 received **Nonaccreditation** (5% of the total; 17% of initial applicants).

The Board ratified 31 **progress report** decisions. Of those, 15 (48%) progress reports demonstrated compliance with all ACCME requirements previously found in noncompliance. Fourteen progress reports (45%) did not yet demonstrate compliance in all requirements and the providers are required to submit another progress report. Two providers (7%) did not yet demonstrate compliance in all requirements; however, the providers are not required to submit another progress report. One of those providers had submitted a voluntary progress report to seek a change in status from Accreditation to Accreditation with Commendation; the other provider has not yet had the opportunity to demonstrate compliance with the criterion found in noncompliance.

As of January 2015, there are 684 ACCME-accredited providers and 1,225 providers accredited by [ACCME Recognized Accreditors](#) (state or territory medical societies that are [recognized](#) by the ACCME as accreditors of intrastate CME providers).

Compliance Results for December 2014 Cohort (n=39)



In the figure above, please note that compliance results for Accreditation Criteria 4, 14, and 15 have been removed. These criteria were eliminated as part of the February 2014 changes to [simplify](#) the accreditation requirements and process. Beginning with the March 2014 cohort, providers have not been evaluated for any of the requirements that have been eliminated.

Maintenance of Recognition and Support of Equivalency

The Board reviewed information about the progress of [Maintenance of Recognition](#) based on data submitted by the 42 [Recognized Accreditors](#) through September 2014. The data is generated primarily by the work of accreditation decision making; in addition the ACCME conducts targeted audits. The ACCME provides detailed, formative feedback to Recognized Accreditors in real-time as the data is reviewed. Feedback is given in relation to the [Markers of Equivalency](#). The data collection is a quality assurance tool to support equivalency, enabling the ACCME to determine if Recognized Accreditors are applying the national standards for accreditation decisions and the accreditation process.

Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™

The ACCME ratified decisions for 2 providers applying for [Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™](#) and ratified 1 joint accreditation progress report decision. The joint accreditation and progress report decisions have also been ratified by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). There are currently 17 jointly accredited providers. Joint Accreditation was launched in 2009 by the ACCME, the ACPE, and the ANCC.

CEO Succession Planning

The Board unanimously chose Graham T. McMahon, MD, MMSc, as the new President and CEO. The Board made its decision following deliberative succession planning and an intensive, thoughtful search process, made with the assistance of Park Square Executive Search. Dr. McMahon begins his tenure in April 2015, following the [retirement](#) of Murray Kopelow, MD, MS(Comm), the current President and CEO. Dr. Kopelow will continue to lead the ACCME during the transition period and will work with the Board and Dr. McMahon until July 31, 2015, to ensure a smooth leadership transition process.

A medical educator, researcher, and practicing endocrinologist, Dr. McMahon currently serves as Associate Dean for Continuing Education and Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He teaches extensively at Harvard Medical School and at Brigham and Women's Hospital, serves as Editor for Medical Education at the *New England Journal of Medicine*, and as Executive Editor for the NEJM Knowledge+ program. An announcement about the appointment has been posted on the [ACCME Web site](#) and distributed to the CME and stakeholder community.

Evolving the Criteria for Accreditation with Commendation

The Board reviewed a report about the ACCME's ongoing engagement with the CME and stakeholder community about the menu of [proposed new commendation criteria](#). The proposed criteria incorporate feedback from the Board and ideas gathered from the CME community and other stakeholders over the past few years. The goal of the proposed criteria is to respond to the evolving healthcare system, to reflect and reward the valuable work providers may already be doing, and to challenge providers to aim for even higher achievements. The ACCME is creating a new menu of criteria for Accreditation with Commendation as part of its strategic imperative to simplify and evolve the accreditation system, requirements, and process.

ACCME 2015 Budget

The Finance Committee conducted an in-depth review of the ACCME's financial and operational strategies, including projected budgets through 2018. The Board approved a budget with projected 2015 expenses of \$5,245,365 and estimated revenues of \$5,258,948. The Board's goal is to take a prudent and conservative approach to financial management, while maintaining the quality of ACCME's programs and services for accredited providers and Recognized Accreditors.

Elections

The following individuals were elected to the Board and its committees:

Board of Directors

Richard A. Berger, MD, PhD

Hal B. Jenson, MD, MBA

Carolyn C. Lopez, MD, designated as government representative

William J. Marks, Jr., MD, MS-HCM, designated as government representative

Accreditation Review Committee

Linda M. Famiglio, MD, 2015 Chair

Timothy W. Holder, MD, 2015 Vice Chair

Virginia Jacobs-Halsey, MEd, MLS, CCMEP

Michael E. Ruhlen, MD, MHCM, FAAP

Brooke J. Taylor, MPH

Committee for Review and Recognition

Patrice Hirning, MD

Sandhya Malhotra, MD

2015 Officers

The Board named [Kim Edward LeBlanc, MD, PhD, as Chair](#); [Victor Reus, MD, as Vice Chair](#); and James McDeavitt, MD, as Treasurer of the ACCME at the conclusion of the meeting.

Service Awards

The ACCME is only successful in its mission because of its dedicated volunteers (Board members, committee members, surveyors), partners in accreditation (the Recognized Accreditors), and accredited providers. The Board had the privilege of honoring ACCME volunteers and paying special tribute to those who have demonstrated exemplary and long-term service to the ACCME.

Recognition of Volunteers Who Have Completed Their Terms of Service

Board of Directors

James F. Burke, MD
Carlyle H. Chan, MD
Stuart C. Gilman, MD, MPH
Carol S. Havens, MD
Galicano F. Inguito, Jr., MD, MBA
Shannon McDevitt, MD, MPH
Sandra B. Norris, MBA
David Price, MD
Richard B. Reiling, MD, FACS
Edward J. Susank

Accreditation Review Committee

Robert B. Baron, MD, MS
Frank C. Berry, CCMEP
Robert L. Buckley, MD, MBA
G. Robert D'Antuono, MHA
Linda Gage-White, MD, PhD, MBA
Rebecca Gaughan, MD
Ronald L. Johnson, MD
Nancy R. Lowitt, MD, EdM
Sylvia K. Scherr, MS, RN
Suzanne Ziemnik, MEd

Committee for Review and Recognition

Patrick Sweeney, MD, PhD, MPH

Recognition for Completion of Surveys

25 Surveys

Crystal M. Gyiraszin, MS

75 Accreditation Surveys

Brian W. Little, MD, PhD