

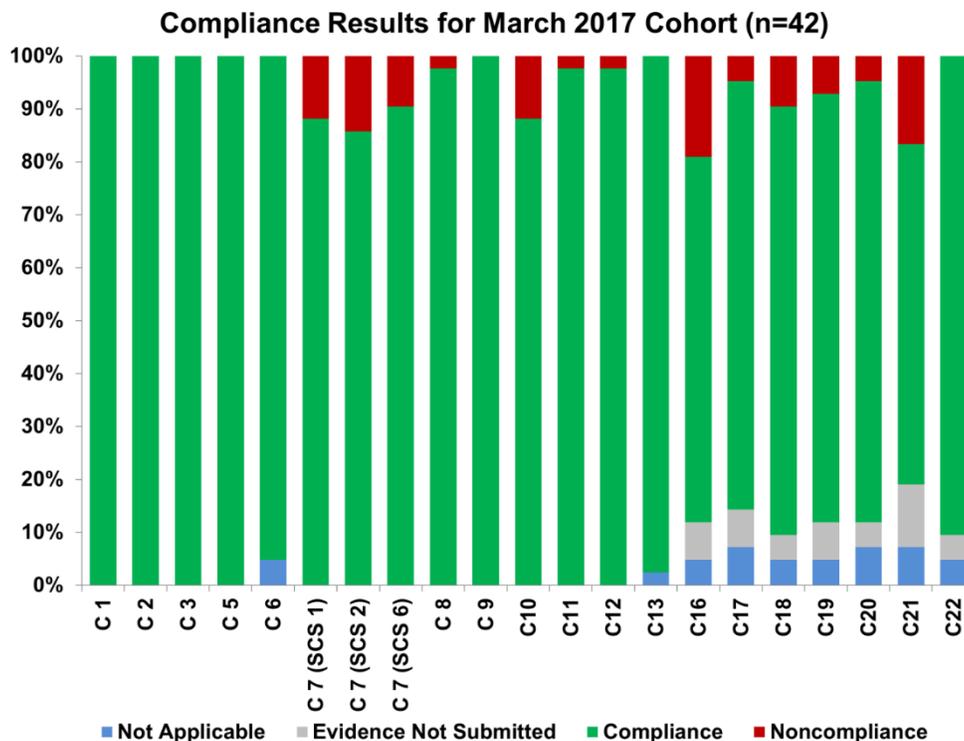
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 2017 MEETINGS OF THE  
ACCME BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Accreditation Decision Making**

The ACCME ratified 42 accreditation and reaccreditation decisions. This included 18 providers that received **Accreditation with Commendation** (43%), which confers a 6-year term of accreditation. Seventeen (41%) received **Accreditation**; 7 of these providers (17%) are required to submit progress reports; 10 (24%) do not need to submit progress reports. Three providers (7%) were placed on **Probation** and are required to submit progress reports. Of the 4 initial applicants, 3 received **Provisional Accreditation** (7% of the total; 75% of initial applicants) and 1 received **Nonaccreditation** (2 % of the total; 25% of initial applicants).

The Board ratified 27 **progress report** decisions. Of those, 18 (67%) progress reports demonstrated compliance with all ACCME requirements previously found not in compliance. Nine progress reports (33%) did not yet demonstrate compliance in all requirements.

As of March 2017, there are 689 ACCME-accredited providers and 1,126 providers accredited by [ACCME Recognized Accreditors](#) (state or territory medical societies that are [recognized](#) by the ACCME as accreditors of intrastate CME providers).



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.

**ACCME/AMA Bridge Committee**

The Board expressed its full support for the recommendations of the ACCME/AMA Bridge Committee and endorsed the shared glossary developed by Bridge Committee. The Bridge Committee developed the shared glossary of terms and definitions since both organizations regulate the shared system of accreditation and credit. The glossary is part of the Bridge Committee’s ongoing efforts to align and simplify the accreditation and credit requirements.

## **ACCME Research Task Force**

The Board approved the vision statement prepared by ACCME's Research Task Force, which will identify opportunities for the ACCME to fulfill its mission through a CME research initiative. The Research Task Force was created to address the Board's identification of research as a strategic priority. The Research Task Force vision statement builds on the ideas generated in the guest discussions the Board convened in December 2016 with leaders in medical education research.

### **Guest Discussions**

The Board convened discussions with leadership from licensing authorities, accreditors, and jointly accredited providers to discuss the barriers and opportunities for interprofessional continuing education (IPCE), and how regulators and accreditors can further promote and facilitate IPCE. Member organization liaisons also joined the discussion. The Board appreciates the high-level, thoughtful discussions, and looks forward to ongoing collaboration with accreditors, regulatory bodies, and education providers in support of IPCE.

### **Guest Discussion Participants**

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Executive Director  
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

Humayun Chaudhry, DO  
President and CEO  
Federation of State Medical Boards

Daniel Pace, Vice President  
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American Academy of Physician Assistants

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Measurement, and Institute for Credentialing Research  
American Nurses Credentialing Center

David Benton, RGN, PhD  
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National Council of State Boards of Nursing

Jamie Von Roenn, MD  
Vice President  
American Society of Clinical Oncology

Allyson Zazulia, MD  
Associate Dean for CME  
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### **ACCME Audit**

The Board reviewed the 2016 final audit and financial statements, heard a presentation from the independent auditor concerning the audit, and, per ACCME policy, convened in executive session with the auditor to discuss the audit report and process. As in previous years, the ACCME received a "clean" audit report, which means that the ACCME's financial statements were accurate and prepared in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.