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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE JULY 2015 MEETINGS OF THE ACCME BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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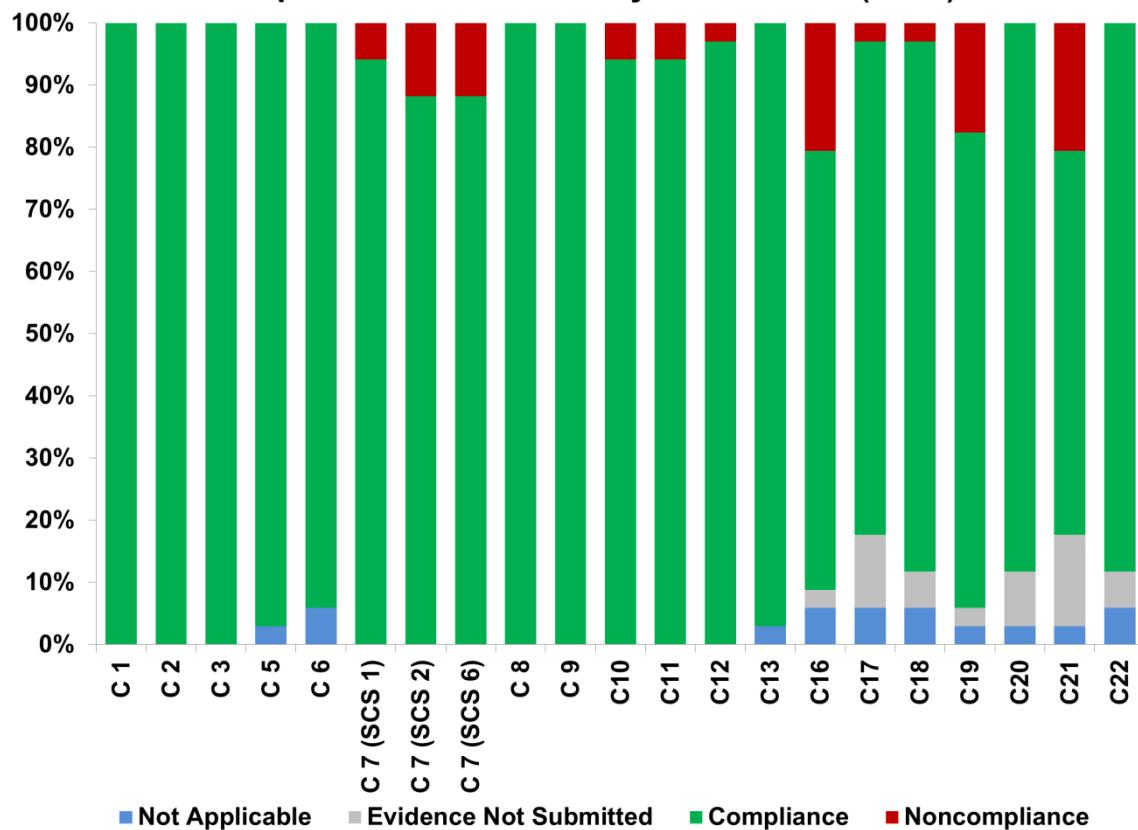
### Accreditation Decision Making

The ACCME ratified 34 accreditation and reaccreditation decisions. This included 17 providers that received **Accreditation with Commendation** (50%), which confers a 6-year term of accreditation. Fourteen (41%) received **Accreditation**; 4 of these providers (12%) are required to submit progress reports; 10 (29%) do not need to submit progress reports. One provider (3%) was placed on **Probation** and is required to submit another progress report. Of the 2 initial applicants, both received **Nonaccreditation** (6%).

The Board ratified 31 **progress report** decisions. Of those, 24 (78%) progress reports demonstrated compliance with all ACCME requirements previously found not in compliance. Six progress reports (19%) did not yet demonstrate compliance in all requirements and the providers are required to submit another progress report. One provider (3%) did not yet demonstrate compliance in all requirements; however, the provider is not required to submit another progress report because the progress report was submitted voluntarily to seek a change in status from Accreditation to Accreditation with Commendation.

As of August 2015, there are 689 ACCME-accredited providers and 1,192 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 July 2015 Cohort (n=34)**



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.

## **Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™**

The ACCME ratified decisions for providers applying for [Joint Accreditation For Interprofessional Continuing Education™](#). One provider received joint accreditation with a 6-year term; 2 providers received joint accreditation with a 4-year term; and 1 provider was not successful at achieving joint accreditation. The ACCME ratified one joint accreditation progress report decision; the provider is required to submit another progress report because it has not yet demonstrated compliance in criteria that were found in noncompliance. The decisions have also been ratified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). There are currently 20 jointly accredited providers.

## **International Substantial Equivalency Process**

The Board renewed its recognition of the Committee on Accreditation of CME (CACME)—the CE accreditor of the Faculties of Medicine in Canada—as substantially equivalent to the ACCME. The substantial equivalency framework, developed in 2002, facilitates the recognition of substantial equivalency between non-US CME accreditors and the ACCME. The framework defines substantial equivalency as a relationship between accreditors based on shared principles and values, while recognizing and accepting differences.

## **Maintenance of Recognition**

The Board adopted modifications to the [Markers of Equivalency](#). The modifications support equivalency by requiring [Recognized Accreditors](#) to engage in the ACCME's specialized educational offerings for Recognized Accreditors. The modifications also formalize several administrative processes that Recognized Accreditors are fulfilling but were not included in the Markers. The modifications build on an ongoing collaboration between the Board, Committee for Review and Recognition (CRR), and Recognized Accreditors. Last year, the CRR and the Board agreed in principle that the changes would further enhance equivalency and better reflect the expectations of [Maintenance of Recognition](#). The proposed changes were then discussed with Recognized Accreditors at the Annual State Medical Society Conference in December 2014. Recognized Accreditors agreed that the changes reflect the current expectations in support of equivalency.

## **CME in Support of MOC**

The Board approved a plan to modify the Program and Activity Reporting System (PARS) to promote engagement and alignment between the American Board of Internal Medicine Maintenance of Certification program (ABIM MOC) and accredited CME. The modifications to PARS will simplify the integration of CME and MOC by enabling providers to identify activities that meet MOC requirements. The ACCME has long supported the goals of MOC. The PARS modifications are a continuation of this support and are designed to respond to the needs and requests of providers and diplomates. A news release about the collaboration is posted on the [ACCME website](#).

## **Strategic Decisions Retreat**

The Board, the ACCME member organization liaisons, and ACCME senior staff discussed the ongoing implementation of the ACCME's strategic plan; reaffirmed their commitment to continuing the ACCME's trajectory of innovation and improvement; and shared their ideas, insights, and vision for CME's future. The Board reviewed the responses to the stakeholder survey conducted in the spring, which asked stakeholders for their ideas about how the ACCME can meet the future needs of the accredited CE community, learners, and the healthcare system. The responses informed the Board's strategic discussions. A [summary of the survey responses](#) is posted on the ACCME website.

## **Recognition of Murray Kopelow, MD**

The Board recognized Murray Kopelow, MD, Past President, for his 20 years of exemplary service and achievements by presenting him with the [Robert Raszkowski, MD, PhD ACCME Hero Award](#) at a special dinner held in his honor that included previous ACCME Board Chairs as invited guests. In addition, the Board established the Murray Kopelow, MD, Presentation which will be awarded for distinguished and innovative leadership in continuing professional development.

## Elections

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

Board of Directors	Accreditation Review Committee	Committee for Review & Recognition
Linda Gage-White, MD, PhD	Stuart Abramson, MD, PhD	Thomas Miller, MD, MPH
Thomas Miller, MD, MPH	Gary Clark, MD, MMM	Marshall Smith, MD, PhD
Richard Pieters, MD	Rebecca Daniel, MD	Adela Valdez, MD, MBA
William Rayburn, MD	Warren Evins, MD, PhD	
Victor Reus, MD	Timothy Holder, MD	
David Swankin, JD	SreyRam Kuy, MD	
Michael Zanolli, MD	Christopher Palmer, MD	
Suzanne Ziemnik, MEd	Linda Santos	
	Janine Shapiro, MD	
	SarahAnn Whitbeck, MBA	

### **2015 Rutledge W. Howard, MD, Award for Individual Service to the Intrastate Accreditation System**

The Board honored the following volunteer with the 2015 Rutledge W. Howard, MD, Award:

Henry Tulgan, MD, FACP

### **2015 Rutledge W. Howard, MD, Award for Outstanding Collaboration between Accreditors and Providers**

The Board honored the following Recognized Accreditor with the 2015 Rutledge W. Howard, MD, Award:

Indiana State Medical Association

The Rutledge W. Howard, MD, Award honors staff or volunteers for their service to the intrastate accreditation system. A [news release](#) about the 2015 awards is posted on the ACCME website.