



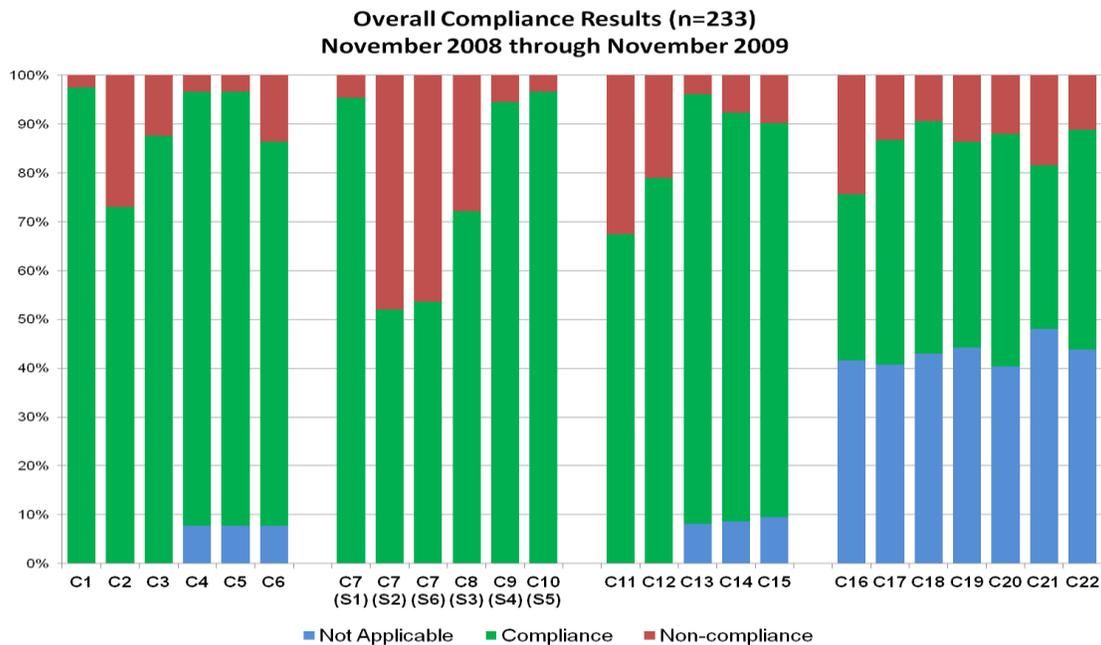
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 2009 MEETINGS OF THE ACCME BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Accreditation and Recognition Decision Making

The ACCME ratified Accreditation, Reaccreditation, and Progress Report decisions for 113 providers. This group included 11 providers that received Accreditation with Commendation, which confers a six-year term of accreditation. Five providers received Non-accreditation from Initial Accreditation. The ACCME ratified Recognition and Recognition Progress Report decisions for 10 state medical society accreditors. There are now 713 ACCME accredited providers and 1,518 providers accredited by ACCME-recognized state and territory medical societies (accreditors). Updated lists of accredited providers, including their accreditation status, are available on our [Web site](#).

Implementation of the 2006 ACCME Accreditation Criteria

The ACCME has completed the evaluation of four cohorts of providers using the 2006 Criteria (n = 233).



Using the information from the ACCME's experience to date, a Board Task Force will examine the ACCME's implementation of accreditation under the 2006 Criteria and report back to the Board during 2010. In the meantime, the ACCME will continue to enhance the feedback and education offered to accredited providers and initial applicants in order to improve their success in achieving and maintaining accreditation.

Meeting with ACCME Member Organizations

On December 3, 2009, the ACCME Board of Directors, as part of an expanded approach to constructive engagement, met with representatives of the ACCME member organizations and discussed a wide range of issues including ACCME's communications with the member organizations.

ACCME Board Roundtable

Also on December 3, 2009, the ACCME Board of Directors hosted a roundtable discussion of the opportunities and challenges facing the ACCME as it advances its mission to identify, develop and promote standards for continuing medical education that lead to improvement in physician performance and patient outcomes. Representatives of the following organizations participated.

ACCME Member Organizations

American Board of Medical Specialties
American Hospital Association
American Medical Association
Association for Hospital Medical Education
Association of American Medical Colleges
Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS)
Federation of State Medical Boards

CME Organizations

Alliance for Continuing Medical Education
Alliance of Independent Academic Medical Centers
CMSS CME Directors' Component Group
North American Association of Medical Education and Communication Companies
Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education

CME Accreditors

American Academy of Family Physicians
American Osteopathic Association
Illinois State Medical Society
Oklahoma State Medical Association
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Texas Medical Association

Facilitated by 2009 Board Chair Barbara Barnes MD, and 2010 Board Chair Debra Perina, MD, the roundtable fostered a high-level, candid dialogue, encompassing issues including ACCME accreditation requirements, CME leadership training, the relationship of CME to physician maintenance of certification and licensure, and communicating CME's value to the wider health care system. The ACCME appreciates and values the ideas, perspectives and vision shared at the roundtable. The ACCME is committed to continuous improvement and welcomes this important input and feedback about how to meet the expectations of the public while reducing the burden on accredited providers. This roundtable laid the foundation for an ongoing dialogue about how to advance CME's contributions to health care quality initiatives. The ACCME plans to hold similar meetings on at least an annual basis. A detailed summary of the roundtable is available [here](#).

Elections

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

Board of Directors

Ellen Cosgrove, MD
Timothy Holder, MD
Ruth Horowitz, PhD
James McDeavitt, MD
Darlyne Menscer, MD
Sandy Norris, MBA
Debra Perina, MD
Harold Sauer, MD

Accreditation Review Committee

Sandy Deeba
Joyce Fried, BA
Rebecca Gaughan, MD
Jeffrey Mallin, MD
Barbara Solomon
Jay C. Williamson, MD

Committee for Review and Recognition

Melvin Freeman, MD
Timothy Holder, MD
Michael Romano, MD
Stephen Willis, MD

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 state medical societies), 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 Leadership as ACCME's 2008 Vice Chair and 2009 Chair

Barbara E. Barnes, MD

Recognition of Volunteers Who Have Completed their Terms of Service

Board of Directors

Susan Rudd Bailey, MD
Barbara E. Barnes, MD
S. Kalani Brady, MD
William Pinsky, MD

Accreditation Review Committee

Radheshyam M. Agrawal, MD
Galicano F. Inguito, Jr., MD
Lisa J. Johnson, MHS
Sarvesh Sathiraju, MD
Deborah Sutherland, PhD

Committee for Review and Recognition

Sarvotham Kini, MD

Recognition for Completion of Accreditation Surveys

25 Surveys

Kathleen Farmer, PsyD
Robert Fore, EdD
Beverly Wood, MD, PhD
Benjamin Zamora, MD

50 Surveys

Henry Tulgan, MD
Elizabeth Murphy, EdD, RN
John Kues, PhD
William Greaves, MD, MSPH

75 Surveys

Ronald Murray, EdD

Recognition for Completion of Recognition Surveys

10 Surveys

Billie Dalrymple

30 Surveys

Michael O'Donnell, MPH, MEd

ACCME to Monitor Compliance with American Medical Association PRA Requirements

The Board of Directors approved, in principal, the incorporation of "Monitoring of Activity-Specific PRA Compliance" into the ACCME's accreditation process, to enable the ACCME to review Providers' compliance with AMA requirements. The ACCME will work with the AMA to further develop this concept. The AMA is asking for this review as a quality assurance measure to ensure providers comply with AMA PRA activity format requirements that were developed to help safeguard their educational value.

Program And Activity Reporting System (PARS)

The Board heard a report on the development, testing, and deployment of the ACCME's Program and Activity Reporting System (PARS). In 2007, the ACCME began planning for, and in 2008 announced to the CME community, a Web-based activity reporting system that a) would replace the ACCME-defined EXCEL® spreadsheets that providers submit, from which activities are sampled for the reaccreditation process; and b) would also allow the ACCME to calculate the Annual Report Data – without asking providers to enter aggregated data into the ACCME's Web tool. A current update of this system is available in the December 22 2009, news release, "[Accreditation Council for CME Continues Testing Phase for Online Program & Activity Reporting System](#)," and in [The ACCME Report, January 21, 2010](#). The ACCME will continue to communicate with accredited providers about the requirements, intent, and rationale for PARS, and about the education and resources that will support accredited providers as they use the system.

The ACCME's 2010 Budget

The Board of Directors approved a budget with projected 2010 expenses of \$5,305,832, which is approximately \$120,000 less than ACCME's 2009 expenses and approximately \$450,000 less than the ACCME's 2008 expense projections for 2010. The 2011 ACCME budgeting process will continue the cost-cutting measures undertaken for 2010 (i.e., reduced expenses related to its accreditation workshops and teleconference surveys) with special attention to those hotel/workshop items that had to be delayed because of contractual obligations in 2010. In addition, the Board delayed implementation of the \$550 state medical society accredited provider fee by two years, in response to concerns that the fee increases would place additional burdens on state-accredited providers, especially in the current economic environment. The ACCME is implementing an incremental increase schedule. The fee will remain \$80 in 2010, increasing to \$250 in 2011, to \$450 in 2012 and to \$550 in 2013.

Additional Items

In addition, the ACCME discussed the following issues for which the ACCME is seeking comments from stakeholders. Additional detail on each is provided in a Call-for-Comment section available on www.accme.org.

1. A revised ACCME procedure for gathering information from state medical societies during the process for recognizing them as CME accreditors.
2. Balancing transparency and confidentiality within the ACCME's Complaints and Inquiries Process.
3. The appropriate inclusion of education designed to change knowledge, in addition to competence, performance or patient outcomes, within the ACCME's accreditation system and providers' educational activities.