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# Dialogue with the Review Committee

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Chair, Review Committee for Urology



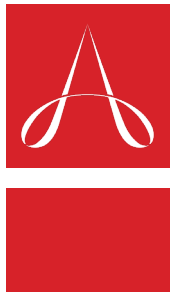
# Disclosure

- No conflicts to report



# Talking Points

- Review Committee Structure
- Accreditation Status and Growth of Programs
- Review Committee and ACGME Updates
- Q&A



# Review Committee Structure

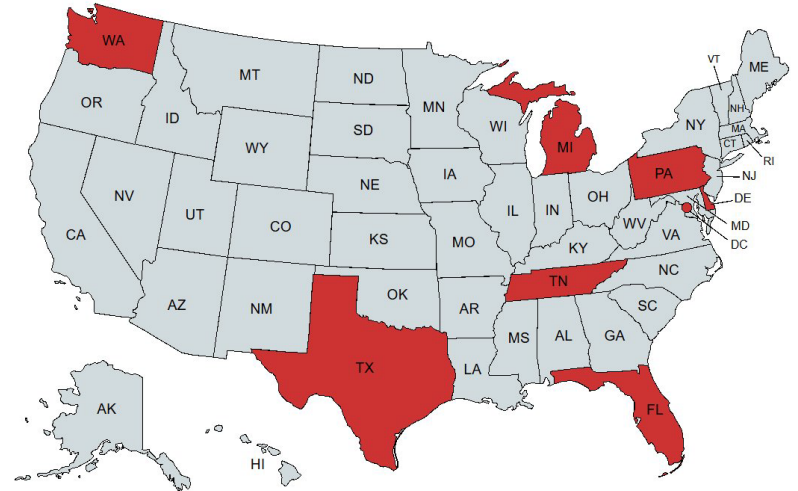


# RC Composition

- ✓ **Four nominating organizations:** American Board of Urology (ABU), American College of Surgeons (ACS), American Medical Association (AMA), and American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
- ✓ **Twelve voting members** (including resident and public member)
- ✓ **Three ex-officio attendees from ABU, ACS, and AOA (non-voting)**
- ✓ **Six-year terms** (except for resident member who serves two years)

***Program Directors, Chairs, Faculty, DIOs, Resident and Public Representation***

## Current Geographic Distribution





# RC Voting Members

**Kate Kraft, MD, MHPE, *Chair***

University of Michigan

**Stephanie Kielb, MD, *Vice-Chair***

University of Michigan

**James Ding, MD, *Resident Member***

University of Pennsylvania

**Stephanie Meyer, DrPH, *Public Member***

San Antonio Metro Health Department

**Tim Brand, MD**

Baptist Health Care

**Gregory Broderick, MD**

Mayo Clinic - Jacksonville

**Brook Brown, MD**

MedStar Georgetown University

**Sam Chang, MD**

Vanderbilt University

**Ali Dabaja, MD**

Henry Ford Health System

**Jennifer Hagerty, DO**

Nemours/DuPont Children's Hospital

**Kathleen Kobashi, MD**

Houston Methodist Hospital

**Mathew Sorenson, MD**

University of Washington



# Ex-Officio Attendees

**J. Brantley Thrasher, MD**

*American Board of Urology*



THE AMERICAN BOARD OF  
**UROLOGY**

**Kyla Terhune, MD**

*American College of Surgeons*





# RC Executive Committee

Kate Kraft, MD, MHPE  
Chair

Stephanie Kielb, MD  
Vice Chair

Laura Huth, MBA  
Executive Director

Shellie Bardgett, PhD  
Associate Executive  
Director

Angel Mathis  
Accreditation  
Administrator



# Review Committee

- The function of Review Committees is to **set accreditation standards** (i.e., requirements) and to **provide peer evaluation** of Sponsoring Institutions or residency and fellowship programs.
- The purpose of the evaluation is to assess whether a Sponsoring Institution or program is in **substantial compliance** with the applicable Institutional and/or Specialty Program Requirements, and to **confer an accreditation status** .
- It is not the intent or purpose of the ACGME to establish numbers of physicians in any specialty.



# RC Meetings

**Three meetings per calendar year:**

*January, April, and August*

***Upcoming Meetings:***

**April 16-17, 2026 – agenda closes February 6**

**August 21, 2026 – agenda closes June 12**

**January 28-29, 2027 – agenda closes November 20**

Review Committee Dates

Upcoming Events



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# **Accreditation Status and Growth of Programs**



# Urology Programs by Accreditation Status

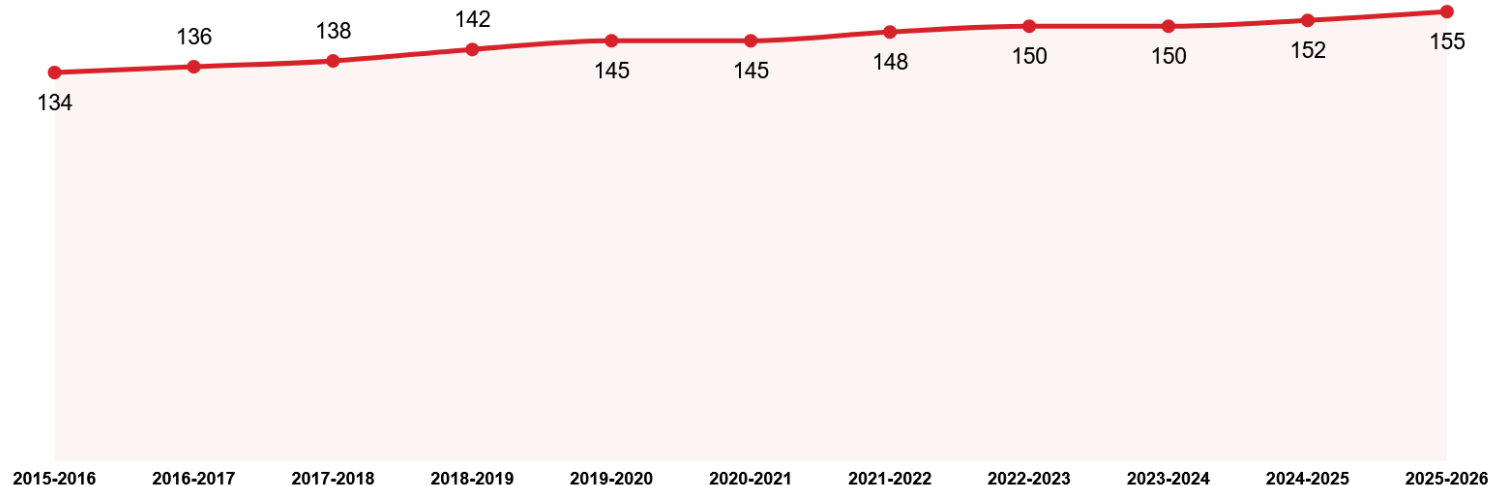
| (Sub)/ Specialty  | Initial Acc. | Continued Acc. w/o Outcomes | Continued Accreditation | Continued Acc. w/ Warning | Probation | Total |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Urology           | 6            | 6                           | 136                     | 5                         | 2         | 155   |
| Pediatric Urology | 2            | 0                           | 26                      | 0                         | 0         | 28    |
| URPS              | 0            | 3                           | 12                      | 0                         | 0         | 15    |
| ALL               |              |                             |                         |                           |           | 198   |



# Growth of Urology residency programs in the last 10 years

## Number of ACGME-Accredited Programs

by academic year, total programs column



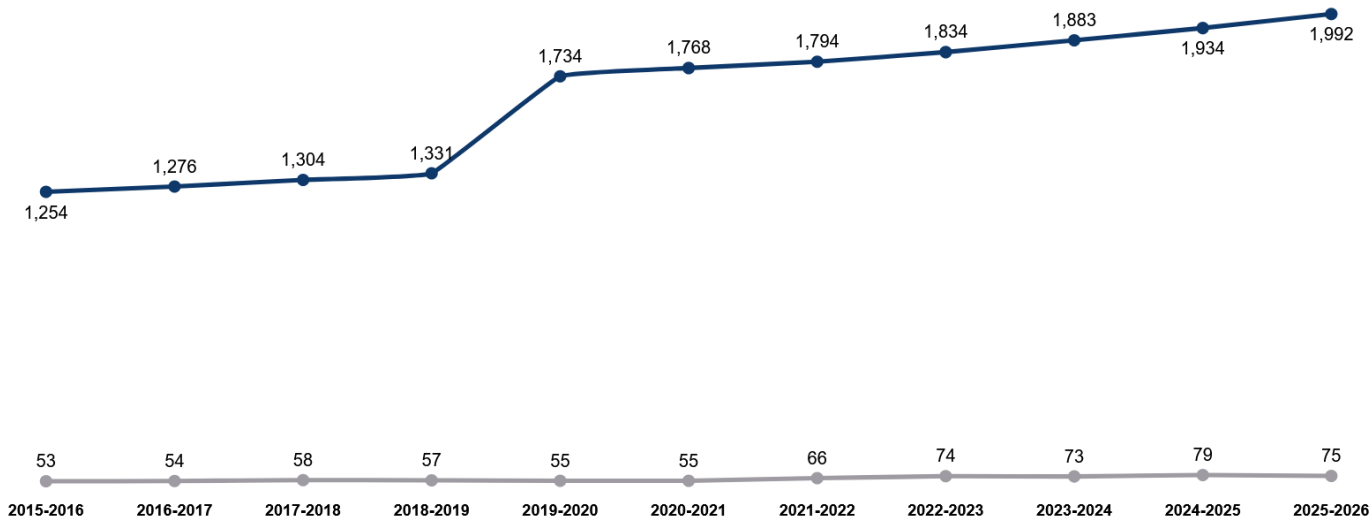


# Growth of active Urology residents in the last 10 years

## Number of Active Residents/Fellows

by Academic Year

● Total Residents ● Specialty Residents ● Subspecialty Residents





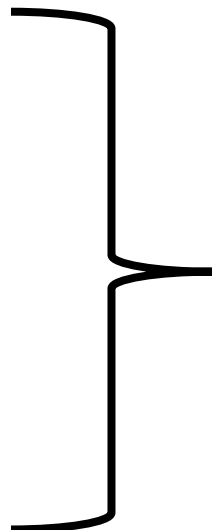
# 2025: New Residency Positions

## New Programs:

- 5 programs approved
- 45 new spots

## Permanent Complement Increases:

- 8 programs approved
- 36 new spots



**81 new positions**



# 2026, so far: New Residency Positions

## Permanent Complement Increases:

- 5 programs approved
- 23 new spots



# **Review Committee and ACGME Updates**



# Program Director FTE

**New!** Updated Program Director FTE Requirements will go into effect beginning **7/1/2026**

2.4. **The program director and, as applicable, the program's leadership team, must be provided with support adequate for administration of the program based upon its size and configuration.** <sup>(Core)</sup>

2.4.a. At a minimum, program leadership must be provided with the dedicated time and support specified below for administration of the program. <sup>(Core)</sup>

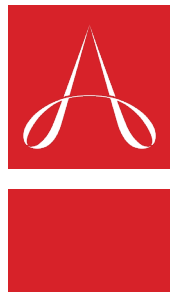
| Number of Approved Categorical Resident Positions | Minimum Support Required (FTE)  |
|---|---|
| 1-6   | 0.20 (Program Director)   |
| 7-10  | 0.25 (Program Director)   |
| 11-20   | 0.30 (Program Director) + 0.05 (Program Director or Associate Program Director) |
| 21-30   | 0.30 (Program Director) + 0.10 (Associate Program Director)                     |
| >30   | 0.40 (Program Director) + 0.10 (Associate Program Director)                     |

2.4.b. Programs with more than 20 residents must have at least one associate (or assistant) program director with an aggregate minimum of 10 percent FTE support. <sup>(Core)</sup>



# Current Program Requirements – Uro-1 six months of core surgical education

- 4.11.a. The program director must be responsible for the design, implementation, and oversight of the Uro-1 year. The Uro-1 year must include: (Core)
  - 4.11.a.1. six months of core surgical education in rotations outside of urology designed to foster competence in basic surgical skills, the peri-operative care of surgical patients, and inter-disciplinary patient care coordination, including: (Core)
    - 4.11.a.1.a. three months of general surgery rotations; and, (Core)
    - 4.11.a.1.b. three months of additional non-urological surgery rotations. (Core)



# Uro-1 Requirement of six months of core surgical education

- Currently, all 6 months must occur in the Uro-1 year
- Would programs benefit from flexibility in the timing of the required 6 months of core surgical education outside of urology?
- Should up to 3 months of the required 6 months of surgery to be allowed to occur in the Uro-2 year?
- Board eligibility would not be affected with this change.

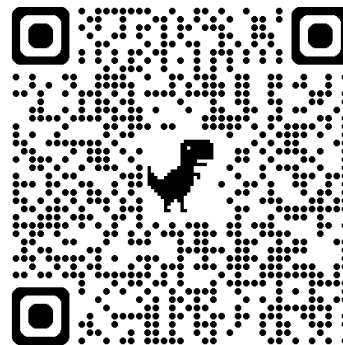


# Uro-1 Requirement of six months of core surgical education

Would you be in support of a program requirement that allows for 3 of the 6 months of core surgical education, outside of Urology, to occur in the Uro-2 year?

The current requirement dictates that all 6 months occur in the Uro-1 year, the proposed change would allow programs to keep all 6 months in the Uro-1 year or flex up to 3 months into the Uro-2 year.

**Provide your input!**





# Common Program Requirements Revisions

Multi-year plan –  
staggered and overlapping  
efforts:

Collaborate with  
Institutional Review  
Committee (IRC) to align  
Institutional and Common  
Program Requirements, as  
appropriate

Literature Reviews and  
Commissioned Papers

Work Hours  
Rotational Transitions  
Time to Competence

Public Input

- Surveys and/or Position Papers
- Annual Educational Conference Sessions

Consensus, Drafting and  
Review Phase

Frequent Communications  
to the GME Community



# ACGME Surveys

- 2026 ACGME Resident/Fellow and Faculty Surveys
  - Surveys are open from **February 9** to **April 10**
  - Results available in May



# Where to go for help?

## RC Staff

[lhuth@acgme.org](mailto:lhuth@acgme.org)

[sbardgett@acgme.org](mailto:sbardgett@acgme.org)

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- Program requirements
- Notification letters
- Complement requests
- Case Log content
- Applications

## ADS Staff

[ADS@acgme.org](mailto:ADS@acgme.org)

- ADS
- Surveys
- Case Log system

## Milestones Staff

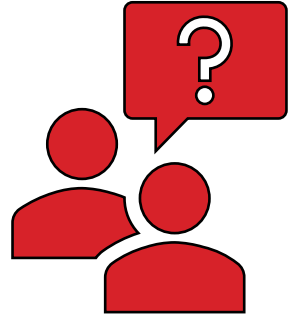
[milestones@acgme.org](mailto:milestones@acgme.org)

- Milestones

## Field Activities Staff

[fieldrepresentatives@acgme.org](mailto:fieldrepresentatives@acgme.org)

- Site Visits





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**Thank you!**  
**Questions?**