

MEMORANDUM

TO: Program Directors

FROM: Tiffany Moss, MBA
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RE: Case Log Utilization by Transitioning AOA Programs

Residents in ACGME-accredited osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine programs are required to enter osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine patient encounters and procedures into the ACGME's Resident Case Log System. The announcement regarding the development of the Case Logs for osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine [was published](#) in September of 2016. Residents in AOA programs have access to the system as soon as their program receives ACGME Pre-Accreditation status. Programs should begin requiring residents to use the system at that time. Residents will not be required to enter patient encounters and procedures that occurred prior the program's Pre-Accreditation status. Residents do have the option of entering encounters and procedures that occurred prior the program's achievement of pre-accreditation, but not prior to the start of the program. Any patient encounters and procedures that occur during the resident's time in the program that are not entered into the Case Log System should be tracked in the resident's permanent file and maintained there upon completion of the program.

Residents in AOA programs that achieve Pre-Accreditation status in the final months of their educational program may continue to maintain logs outside of the Case Log System, in lieu of entering them in the system, at the discretion of the program director.

It is expected that all residents in the program will enter patient encounters and procedures (unless otherwise specified above) in the ACGME Resident Case Log System when the program has Pre-Accreditation, Continued Pre-Accreditation, or Initial Accreditation-Contingent. Programs should not wait to have residents use the system until they achieve Initial Accreditation. The Review Committee acknowledges that residents in an AOA program that achieves Initial Accreditation during their time in the program may not be able to meet the ACGME minimum patient encounters. It is expected, however, that any resident that matriculates into a program after it achieves Initial Accreditation be able to meet all established minimums as noted in the Program Requirements.

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