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Dear ACGME Leaders:

Protecting the integrity of graduate medical education is a grave responsibility. Your measured, thorough approach to every aspect of medical education and training is recognized, appreciated, and relied upon – not only by the house of medicine, but also (and ultimately) by the patients we serve.

Importantly, your decisions are not made in a vacuum. Each Review Committee is meant to represent all stakeholders, and it is in this spirit we're reaching out to you. The proposed changes to emergency medicine residency program requirements deserve the same inclusive consideration that is the hallmark of all ACGME actions.

As you weigh the next steps in the evolution of EM training, we respectfully ask you to make meaningful time and space for full EM community stakeholder engagement. Early input from all involved parties – from trainees to faculty to program leadership – will lead to a clearer, stronger path forward.

Transparency around the process of and timelines for decision-making also matters. All those involved in EM training are committed to the same goal: develop the most skilled physicians who provide the best care possible for our patients. This is best accomplished when we are working together, with clarity.

As you shape education, and we support those in training and practice, we ask you to outline a clear process for stakeholder input, a pathway for remaining steps in the decision-making process, and an anticipated timeline for final decisions and implementation of changes. This will help each EM program plan not only for their own needs, but also for the needs of the specialty as we recruit and support medical students interested in becoming emergency physicians, as well as the residents set to enter the workforce.



We are eager to work with you in this endeavor. Please engage us in any fact-finding missions, focus groups, surveys, public forums, or any other initiatives that can help achieve clarity, unity, and agreement about the best way to educate emergency physicians of tomorrow.

In the spirit of collaboration,

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