



Max Rady College of Medicine

Postgraduate Medical Education Accreditation Steering Committee (a subcommittee of the PGME Executive Committee) Terms of Reference

1. PURPOSE AND MANDATE

1.1. Purpose/Mandate: The Accreditation Steering Committee (“**Committee**”) is a subcommittee of the Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) Executive Committee, established to:

- (a) Act as the main discussion, advisory and decision-making body in all matters related to the scheduled Regular Accreditation Survey of the Postgraduate Medical Education Programs, the PGME Office and the PGME training sites.
- (b) Oversee the preparation for and the management of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the College of Family Physicians of Canada accreditation survey of the Max Rady College of Medicine.
- (c) Assist all PGME Programs in complying with the CanERA Residency Program/Areas of Focused Competence (Diploma) Program Accreditation Standards.
- (d) Assist the PGME Office and all PGME training sites in complying with the CanERA Institutional Accreditation Standards.
- (e) Develop and disseminate information about the onsite accreditation visit to internal and external stakeholders.
- (f) Liaise with PGME Continuous Quality Improvement Committee in Identifying and recommending initiatives to aid in compliance with institutional or program-specific accreditation standards.
- (g) Liaise with PGME Continuous Quality Improvement Committee in ensuring areas for improvement (AFI) from previous Institutional Reviews are addressed.
- (h) Review, provides feedback and/or recommend on items needing other level(s) of approval (PGME Executive Committee, College Executive Council/College Council, RFHS Faculty Executive Council/Faculty Council, Provost, Senate, Board of Governors; the Government of Manitoba).

1.2. Clarification on Purpose/Mandate: This Committee is intended to complement existing University resources which address matters of PGME Accreditation and to foster collaboration on such matters relating to the PGME. This Committee is not intended to act as a substitute, duplicate or alternate forum to address issues over which other areas of the University have specific jurisdiction.

2. REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

2.1. Accountability: The Committee is established by, and accountable to, the PGME Executive Committee. The Committee is active only during the preparation for and during the Accreditation Visit.

2.2. Reporting: While active, the Committee, through the Co-Chairs, shall provide a verbal report at every meeting of the PGME Executive Committee. The Co-Chairs will provide a written report to the PGME Executive Committee semi-annually.

3. CHAIRPERSON AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

3.1. Chair: The Committee Co-Chairs (the “Co-Chairs”) shall be the Assistant Dean, PGME Accreditation and the Associate Dean, PGME.

3.2. The Co-Chairs are responsible for the following at Committee meetings:

- (a) Calling the meeting to order;
- (b) Establishing an agenda and ensuring agenda items are addressed;
- (c) Ensuring the minutes from prior meeting(s) are reviewed and approved by the Committee (with or without modification);
- (d) Facilitating discussion to reach consensus on matters under consideration in a professional manner;
- (e) Adjourning meetings after business is concluded; and
- (f) Acting as the main representative of the Committee.

3.3 Membership: The Committee membership shall consist of the following members, all of whom are voting members (unless stated otherwise) including the Co-Chairs:

- Associate Dean, PGME Student Affairs and Wellness
- Associate Dean, Quality Improvement and Accreditation
- Associate Dean, Professionalism
- Associate Dean, Brandon Satellite Program
- Provincial Lead, Medical Specialist Services and Chief Medical Officer, Shared Health
- Provincial Lead, Health Workforce, Shared Health (or delegate)
- Director, Office of Educational and Faculty Development (OEFD)

- Business Manager, PGME, IMG, CIP, PGME Student Affairs/ Wellness and Professionalism
- PGME Team Lead
- Director of Communications and Marketing, RFHS
- Director, RFHS Integrated Accreditation Unit
- Director of Administration, RFHS
- Registrar/CEO, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba (CPSM) (or delegate)
- Medical Remuneration Officer, Doctors Manitoba (or delegate)
- Senior Lead, Indigenous Health Student Services, Ongomiizwin
- Five (5) Program Directors (or delegates), at least two (2) of whom are not current members of the PGME Executive Committee and with representation from the following Programs:
 - General Surgery, Surgical Foundations or Subspecialty Surgical Programs
 - Family Medicine or Enhanced Skills Programs
 - Internal Medicine or Subspecialty Internal Medicine Programs
 - Pediatrics or Subspecialty Pediatric Programs
- Two (2) residents, appointed by the Professional Association of Residents and Interns of Manitoba (PARIM)
- Executive Director of PARIM
- Other members (non-voting) as necessary, invited by the Chair

3.4 Equitable, Inclusive and Diverse Membership: PGME strives to achieve equitable, inclusive and diverse membership on its committee that is reflective of its commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and this should be considered in the appointment of Committee members.

3.5 Liaisons: Committee members shall serve as liaison persons with others in the areas from which they are appointed.

3.6 Best Interests: Committee members shall deal with matters before the Committee in such a way that the best interests of PGME take precedence over the interests of any of its constituent parts in the event that those interests are in conflict or appear to be in conflict.

3.7 Consultation: In carrying out its role, the Committee may call upon various resources as it deems required.

4. TERM OF OFFICE

4.1. The term of office of each Committee member shall be until the first of the following occurs:

- (a) the individual no longer holds the position noted in 3.3; or in the case of the appointed Residency Program Directors and Fellowship Program Directors, for a two (2)-year term with one (1) two (2)-year term optional renewal. The resident and fellow appointments shall be for one (1)-year terms;
- (b) the term of the appointment ends;
- (c) the appointment is rescinded by the appointer; or

(d) the individual resigns from the Committee.

5. FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

5.1. As part of its Mandate, the Committee will engage in the following activities:

- (a) **Make Decisions:** The Committee will make decisions respecting its mandate that do not require higher levels of approval.
- (b) **Make Recommendations:** The Committee shall have the power to make recommendations to the PGME Executive Committee or to appropriate persons or bodies with respect to any matters of concern to the Committee.
- (c) **Receive Recommendations:** The Committee will receive recommendations from the PGME Executive Committee, its working groups or other stakeholders.
- (d) **Referral to Working Groups:** The Committee may refer issues connected to its Mandate to Committee working groups.

6. MEETINGS

6.1. **Number of Meetings:** Once active, the Committee shall meet a minimum of three (3) times per year or subject to the call of the Co-Chairs.

6.2. **Notice of Meetings:** Notice of a Committee meeting must be provided to Committee members, at least five (5) business days in advance of the meeting, unless waived by the Committee members at the meeting.

6.3. **Agenda:** The agenda should be prepared and distributed to the members of the Committee at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

6.4. **Quorum:** A simple majority of the voting members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

6.5. **Decision-Making:** The preferred model for decision-making is consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, a vote shall be held. A majority of the votes cast by Committee members in attendance at the meeting is required to be in favour of the issue under consideration in order to definitively decide the issue. The Co-Chairs will not vote unless to break a tie.

6.6. **Electronic Discussion and Meetings:** The Co-Chairs may consult with Committee members electronically, and may arrange email, telephone or other electronic meetings, instead of in-person meetings, as the circumstances may require.

6.7. **Committee Meeting Guests:** All Committee meetings will be limited to members only unless the Co-Chairs otherwise grants approval for certain individuals to attend all or a portion of the meeting.

6.8. Confidentiality: All Committee members, resource persons, consultants, guests, and administrative support persons who may be in attendance at a Committee meeting or privy to Committee information, are required to protect and keep confidential any protected information (e.g., classified or privileged information) received through participation on the Committee, unless such information is otherwise approved for public information.

6.9. Minutes & Confidentiality: Minutes are to be taken of business occurring during Committee meetings. However, the Committee may move “in camera” to deal with certain items if the subject matter being considered relates to personal and confidential matters that are exempt from disclosure under applicable access and privacy legislation

7. COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

7.1. The Committee shall receive administrative support from the CPGME Office. The administrative support shall be provided through an individual whose duties shall include:

- (a) Assisting the Co-Chairs with preparation of Committee meeting agendas and distributing notification of meetings;
- (b) Ensuring follow-up of Committee action items;
- (c) Information gathering;
- (d) Preparation and distribution of meeting material;
- (e) Minute-taking; and
- (f) Maintaining Committee records.

8. WORKING GROUPS

8.1. Referral to Working Groups: The Committee may refer issues to one or more working groups as the circumstances require. Each working group shall have its own mandate, approved by the Committee.

8.2. Working Group Reports: A report from its working groups shall be a standing item on the Committee meeting agenda.

9. AMENDMENTS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

9.1. Amendments to these Terms of Reference may be proposed by the Committee to the PGME Executive Committee.

10. DATES OF APPROVAL, REVIEW AND REVISION

10.1. Date approved: April 13, 2021 – PGME Executive Committee

10.2. Review: Formal review of these terms will be conducted every four (4) years. In the interim, these terms of reference may be revised or rescinded if the PGME Executive Committee deems necessary, or if the Committee recommends revisions or rescission to the PGME Executive Committee.

10.3. Supersedes: no previous Terms of Reference for this Committee

10.4. Committee Administrative Support: PGME Resident Administrator

10.5. Effect on Previous Statements: These terms shall supersede all previous PGME terms on the subject matter herein.