

Survey Visit

The Faculty of Medicine underwent accreditation from Sunday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 6 by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and the Committee for the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS). It was a very positive process of self reflection and improvement, which continues beyond the accreditation visit.

In June 2009, the Dean established a Self Study Task Force to oversee the process. As well, five UGME Subcommittees, one for each of the five standards sections, were set up to identify strengths and required action and to complete each associated required database of questions. The five LCME Standards Sections are: 1. Medical Students (MS); 2. Educational standards for the MD Degree (ED re: the curriculum); 3. Faculty (FA); 4. Educational Resources (ER); and 5. Institutional Setting (IS).

In addition, six Working Groups/Committees were established to complete required, focused work on the specific standards:

Educational Objectives Mapping (ED-1) and Writing Objectives and Keywords (ED-1)

Diversity (IS-16 & MS-8)

Preparation of Resident/Grad Students as Medical Student Teachers (ED-24)

Translational Research (ED-17A)

Service Learning Opportunities (IS-14A)

From the March 2010 Consult Visit - one committee under the chair of Dr. Dean Sandham completed its work to define a curriculum governance model and initiate action on specific curricular content issues noted by the students in their survey (ED-33, 35). A Curriculum Renewal Committee was established under the direction of Dr. Keevin Bernstein with a plan to bring forward a renewed curriculum for 2013.

To date, more than 100 persons have been involved in an accreditation committee or working group. Broad representation has been sought from UGME, PGME, clinical/basic science departments, clinical teaching sites, medical students, residents, and graduate students, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba, Manitoba Health, the Council on Post Secondary Education (COPSE), the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), and University of Manitoba Central Administration.

The Faculty has benefited from an excellent student independent accreditation analysis which is required for accreditation and was initiated in January 2009 through the Manitoba Medical Students Association. An interim report was produced in November 2009 followed by a final report in July 2010 which has been most helpful in identifying major and minor issues of concern with student recommendations. The students completed one more survey prior to the April accreditation site survey, to solicit feedback in areas where there was significant, focused efforts for improvement.

[Background](#)

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Post –Survey

Dean Postl hosted an Accreditation town Hall meeting on Wednesday, April 13 from 1200 – 1300 hours in the Gaspard Theatre to provide feedback on the survey visit.

Accreditation is not an endpoint, but always a work in progress . . . many thanks to all for your significant contributions!