

Statement on COVID and MAVs

In September, CPME sent a survey to program directors to assess the continued impact of COVID-19 on residency training programs. After reviewing the results of the survey, the Residency Review Committee determined that it is too early in the training year to make any recommendation related to modifications of requirements related to the minimum activity volume of procedures (MAVs) and required rotations. As such, programs are expected to meet the requirements currently set forth in CPME publication 320, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies*.

CPME recognizes that this is an evolving situation that may change over the next few months. Therefore, the Council plans to conduct another survey in January, 2021 to determine the level to which the COVID crisis continues to impact residents' abilities to meet MAV and rotation requirements. The Residency Review Committee will consider the results of this survey to determine if any modifications should be made to the MAVs for residents who will complete training in 2021.

The Committee will make a recommendation to the certifying boards and the Council no later than mid-February, and any modifications will be communicated to program directors and residents once a final decision is made.

On-Site Evaluations

During its October meeting, the Council on Podiatric Medical Education approved the recommendation of the Residency Review Committee that in light of the continued pandemic, all on-site evaluation visits for residency and fellowship programs scheduled for spring of 2021 will be conducted virtually.

All programs that are scheduled for an on-site evaluation in the spring will receive formal notification from CPME in November.

Residency Ad Hoc Committee

Every six (6) years, the Council conducts a comprehensive review of its standards, requirements, and procedures associated with its evaluation activities. The Residency Ad Hoc Committee began meeting two years ago to review input from the communities of interest and to create Draft I of the revised CPME publications 320 *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies* and CPME 330, *Procedures for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies*. At the Council's October 2020 meeting, Draft I of CPME 320 and CPME 330 were approved. The proposed document revisions are currently being prepared to be disseminated to the community of interest and one or more public forums for comment.

The revised CPME 320 and 330 documents will be posted at www.cpme.org under the Residencies tab in the Residency Documents and Forms link. Once the comment period closes, CPME will review the feedback received to determine next steps in adopting the revised documents. It is anticipated that Draft I of CPME 320 and CPME 330 will be posted and disseminated for comment by November 17, 2020.

RRC Meetings and Program Submission Due Dates

To better assist programs in knowing when submissions to CPME will be reviewed by the RRC, the Committee has created the following chart. Material submitted after a submission deadline will be reviewed at the Committee's next meeting.

Submission Deadline	Conference Call or Meeting
October 27	November 16 conference call
November 23	December 14 conference call
	February 3* <i>This call is reserved for policy related to the impact of COVID on residency programs</i>
February 5	March 19-20 MEETING
	May TBD
August 13	September 24-25 MEETING
TBD three weeks before conference call	November TBD <i>For last-minute requests prior to CRIP</i>

Become an On-site evaluator

One of the most important components of the CPME residency approval process is the team site visit. The site visit is a peer-review process that helps to enhance the quality of education by assessing a program's compliance with CPME standards and requirements. CPME is committed to ensuring each evaluator possesses appropriate experience and skills essential to the evaluation process. CPME residency evaluators must be certified by one or both of the specialty boards recognized by the Joint Committee on the Recognition of Specialty Boards and must be either program directors or active faculty members of CPME-approved residencies.

Prior to participating as a member of a team, evaluators complete a training program and are assigned to a team as trainees under the tutelage of the team chair and the specialty board representatives. The council pays all expenses incurred during the site visit as well as a per diem for each travel and on-site visit day. Individuals interested in becoming residency evaluators should submit a letter of interest and current curriculum vitae to:

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CVs also will be forwarded to either ABFAS or ABPM as appropriate. If you are interested in learning more about CPME's residency evaluator responsibilities, please review the *Evaluator Job Description*, which can be found at www.cpme.org and selecting Approval Information for Residencies, On-Site Evaluators. Please feel free to provide this information to interested and qualified individuals within and outside of your institution or organization.

Membership of the Council and RRC

The following individuals serve on the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

- Kieran T. Mahan, DPM (chair, at-large)
- Keith D. Cook, DPM (vice-chair, at-large)
- John T. Marcoux, DPM (at-large)
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The following individuals serve on the Residency Review Committee. Each organization represented is identified.

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