

Summary of Substantive Changes CPME 220

- Removed references to APMA involvement in the CPME's Specialty Board Recognition Committee.
- Criteria and guidelines terminology used in the previous version of CPME 220 and 230 is now referred to as standards and requirements.
- Autonomy of Specialty Boards moved to Introduction.
- Edited flow of document by moving standards and requirements to better match sections of document.

Removed redundancies from document and added new standards and requirements to better

- define the requirements.
- Added requirement of having a public member on a membership-elected governing board (5.2).
- Clarified that a specialty board shall only recognize attributes and specialty training within the scope of its own specialty board (5.6).
- 6.3: Added requirement for specialty boards to establish "well-defined, rigorous, transparent, and equitable alternative pathways for initial board certification for those candidates that do not qualify under 6.2" (those that have not completed a minimum of three years of CPME-approved residency training).
- Strengthened standard 7: Examination.
- Clarified that "The specialty board shall only grant additional credentials related to their specialty area of expertise following approval from the CPME." (8.4)
- Added that "The specialty board shall receive prior approval from the CPME before implementing a substantive change." (11.3)
- Added new standard related to Subspecialty Certification (standard 12) that includes the requirement "Boards offering a subspecialty certification shall require the completion of a CPME-approved residency program and a minimum of one (1) year of fellowship training in a CPME-approved fellowship or an alternative pathway that will be available for 10 years following approval of the subspecialty. The specialty board shall identify a rigorous process reflective of the subspecialty's KSAs for the alternative pathway."
- Added new standard related to Professionalism (standard 13).
- Added new standard related to Continuous Certification (standard 14).
- Added Glossary of terms.

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- Added section concerning policies and procedures as they relate to "Requirements for Recognition of a New Specialty Board" and procedures of withdrawal or termination of an initial application.
- Clarified Application Review and Recognition Action.
- Outlined procedure of SBRC review and CPME action for considerations of continuing recognition.
- Clarified categories of recognition and added Recognition with Report category.
- Provided greater detail concerning notification of CPME actions.

- Added procedural reconsideration, reconsideration, and appeals processes to document.
- Detailed information provided concerning substantive changes.
- New policies created as they relate to subspecialty certification and clarified that CPME does not recognize certificates of added qualification (CAQs). Specialty boards can only offer their primary certification(s) and subspecialty certification(s). Specialty boards cannot offer certificate of added qualification (CAQ), focused areas of practice, or other forms of recognition, only primary and subspecialty certifications.
- Added Extension, Alternative Pathways, and Transition of Residency Program Requirements and Board Certification Policies.
- Clarified that CPME actions and recognition disclosures, along with any areas of noncompliance, will be posted on the CPME website.
- Added section concerning complaints, nondiscrimination policy, and document reviews.
- Added Glossary of terms.

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