2017 Survey Timeline at U of A

- Prep for pre-survey visit: Fall 2016
- PSQ distribution: January 2017
- Colleges pre-survey visit: March 16/17
- Final PSQ submission to PGME: May 1, 2017
- On-site survey: November 26 to December 1
Objectives

You will be able to:

- Understand the principle and process of Program Accreditation
Accreditation

Is a **process** for evaluating residency programs including the educational environment to determine if the program is **meeting the Standards**

- A Standards = Institution (University)
- B Standards = Program
  - General ("**musts**" vs. "**shoulds**")
    - Blue Book
    - Descriptors
  - Specialty Specific ("**musts**" vs. "**shoulds**")
    - SSA
    - OTR
    - STR
Principles of Accreditation

- Continuing quality improvement
- Based on a competency framework
- Peer review
  - Surveyor from different specialty
- Input from Specialists (Specialty Committee)
- Regular cycle of review
  - Regular 6 year Royal College survey
  - Internal review (usually) in year 3
Accreditation

- College does **NOT** accredit:
  - Excellence of departments
  - Excellence and reputation of research
  - Quality and expertise of clinical faculty
  - Moral worth of program directors
Six Year Survey Cycle

Ongoing Monitoring

2017

2011

Internal Reviews

2012-2015
Categories of Accreditation

- Accredited New Program
- Accredited Program
  - With follow-up by **REGULAR SURVEY** (6 y)
  - With follow-up by **PROGRESS REPORT** (12-18 mo)
  - With follow-up by **INTERNAL REVIEW** (24 mo)
  - With follow-up by **EXTERNAL REVIEW** (24 mo)
- Notice of (or) Intent to Withdraw
Accredited Program –

Follow by next Regular Survey

- Program meets Standards of Accreditation
- No major weaknesses identified
- Next Royal College review is in 6 years
Accredited Program with Progress Report

Specific issue(s) are identified and require follow-up only on the identified issue(s).

A complete review of the whole program is NOT required.

The progress report is due within 12-18 months.

Report only needs to address issues identified on transmittal letter.
Accredited Program with Mandated Internal Review

- Major issues are identified in more than one standard.
- A complete review of the program is required.
- The review is conducted by a University-appointed team of 2-3 people.
- The internal review is due within 24 months.
Accredited Program with **External Review**

- Major issues are identified in *more than one standard* and concerns are *specialty-specific* and best evaluated by a reviewer from the discipline or
- concerns have been *persistent* or
- concerns are strongly influenced by *non-educational issues* and can best be evaluated by a reviewer from outside the university.
- A focused or **complete review** of the program is required.
- The review is organized by the respective College.
- The external review is conducted within 24 months.
Categories of Accreditation

- Notice of **Intent to Withdraw Accreditation**
  - Major and/or continuing weaknesses are identified
  - Concern about the ability of program to provide good educational experiences
  - Question if there is a program
  - External review conducted within 2 years
  - Program required to demonstrate why accreditation should not be withdrawn
Questions?
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