

SPOTLIGHT

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As we approach our upcoming accreditation with LCME, this bi-weekly communication will highlight various departments and programs in terms of their roles within the College of Medicine and LCME accreditation.

In this week's issue:

THE OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Tell us more about your office:

Our office focuses on continuous quality improvement efforts (CQI). This basically means that we help others focus on positive change opportunities, not just for the LCME accreditation visit, but because Excellence is one of our core values.

Our backgrounds in institutional research, education, and marketing, provide our team with the skillsets needed to facilitate COM's efforts in educational quality improvement.

What was the reasoning behind the creation of the newly developed office?

The Office of Educational Quality Improvement was created to facilitate CQI efforts to improve programmatic quality and ensure effective monitoring of the medical education program's compliance with accreditation standards. (LCME Element 1.1)



With the LCME accreditation visit coming soon, our office has taken the lead on managing this process. **But we are not just about LCME!** While we will continue to ensure that all LCME elements maintain compliance, we will also be involved in other CQI initiatives and improvement projects.

What does Continuous Quality Improvement mean for students?

Our medical college gets better when students' voices are heard. Annual surveys (GQ, Y2Q, ISA, Matriculation) and course evaluations ensure a way for students' to provide feedback. This information helps guide the college in targeting specific areas for improvement.

What additional roles does your office have within the College of Medicine?

Our office's roles are:

- Manages accreditation process
- Develops and maintains a schedule for reviewing and monitoring LCME elements
- Coordinates strategic plan activities
- Provides assistance in both the review cycle and formation of action plans
- Ensures accountability towards improvement

For more information on the Office of Educational Quality Improvement, please visit

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