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Update on the Completion of the Transition to a
Single GME Accreditation System

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I have nothing to disclose and
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Learning Objectives

- Discuss what happens to AOA Approved Programs that remain in Pre-Accreditation or Continued Pre-Accreditation at the end of the Transition
- Review the Appeals Process for AOA Programs that have not achieved ACGME Accreditation by the end of the transition
- Review Single GME Accreditation System program statistics



Where Are We in the Transition?

57 months into the
Single GME Accreditation
System transition



Timeline - Transition

Timeline

- February 26, 2014 - MOU (ACGME, AOA, AACOM)
- April 1, 2015 - New sponsoring institution* applications
- July 1, 2015 - AOA-approved program* applications
- July 1, 2015 – Applications for Osteopathic Recognition
- June 30, 2020 - AOA ceases accreditation



Transition Achievements



Transition Achievements

Dates	Achievements
January 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Two New Combined Non-Accredited Programs (Previous AOA Programs) Family Medicine/Emergency Medicine Internal Medicine/Emergency Medicine
February 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none">One Year Common Program Requirements approved by the ACGME Board of Directors with an effective date July 1, 2019 (closely aligned with Fellowship Common Program Requirements)300 AOA programs have achieved ACGME Accreditation since January 2018 (Total 594 Programs have achieved Accreditation not inclusive of Dually accredited programs)
March 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none">ACGME Annual Conference with the 3rd ACGME-AOGME Pre-Conference for Osteopathic Programs and Institutions<u>Kevin Klauer, DO, EJD, FACEP, Named Next AOA CEO</u>



Transition Achievements

Dates	Achievements
April 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="407 321 1818 405">1. <u>OPC Meets and celebrates achieving 200 programs achieving Osteopathic Recognition (Total 203 with Osteopathic Recognition)</u><li data-bbox="407 416 1850 543">2. 322 AOA programs have achieved ACGME Accreditation since January 2018 (Total 616 Programs have achieved Accreditation not inclusive of Dually accredited programs)<li data-bbox="407 554 1746 638">3. <u>Robert A. Cain, DO, FACOI, FAODME, Named Next AACOM President and CEO</u><li data-bbox="407 649 1812 733">4. <u>Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP</u> was awarded the William D. Miller Award by the AACOM Board of Deans<li data-bbox="407 744 1812 828">5. ACGME-AOGME have started the planning process for the 2020 AEC Pre-Conference for Osteopathic Programs and Institutions



Transition Achievements

Dates	Achievements
May 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="407 303 1870 434">1. 343 AOA programs have achieved ACGME Accreditation since January 2018 (Total 637 Programs have achieved Accreditation not inclusive of Dually accredited programs)<li data-bbox="407 440 1870 571">2. <u>New Vice Chair, Council of Review Committee Chairs (CRCC)</u> <u>Natasha Bray, DO, MEd, FACOI, FACP, Chair, Osteopathic Principles Committee</u>
July 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="407 603 1870 734">1. <u>Common Program Requirements (Residency) effective July 1, 2019</u> Common Program Requirements (Fellowship) effective July 1, 2019 Common Program Requirements (One-Year Fellowship) effective July 1, 2019<li data-bbox="407 745 1870 833">2. New Chair, Emergency Medicine Review Committee Douglas McGee, DO<li data-bbox="407 844 1870 931">3. New Vice Chair, Transitional Year Review Committee JoAnn Mitchell, DO



Transition Achievements

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July 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4. <u>New Vice Chair, Council of Review Committee Residents</u> Breanne Jaqua, DO (Resident Member Emergency Medicine Review Committee)5. CLER Evaluation Committee – New Members Jenny J. Alexopoulos, DO, Statewide Director of CLER, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences Lucie E. Mitchell, DO, MS, Educational Chief Resident, University of Alabama Birmingham6. ACGME Review and Recognition Committees<ul style="list-style-type: none">4 - Osteopathic Physician Chairs4 - Osteopathic Physician Vice Chairs1 - Osteopathic Physician Vice Chair (CRCC)1 - Osteopathic Physician Vice Chair (CRCR)



Transition Achievements

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July 2019	7. Drs. Nasca and Buser - Present update on Single GME Accreditation System Transition to AOA House of Delegates (Has occurred annually since July 2015)
August 2019	1. New Field Staff Paul M. Schwartzberg, DO, MBA, FAAP
September 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. OPC Meets, 15 additional programs achieve Initial Recognition (Total 215 with Osteopathic Recognition)2. ONMM Review Committee meets, 2 additional ONMM programs achieve Initial Accreditation (Total 19 programs with Accreditation)3. 364 AOA programs have achieved ACGME Accreditation since January 2018 (Total 667 Programs have achieved Accreditation not inclusive of Dually accredited programs)4. <u>Karen Nichols, DO, Chair Elect ACGME Board of Directors</u>



Transition Achievements

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September 2019	5. <u>ACGME Policies Update – Appeal Process for Programs in Pre-Accreditation and Continued Pre-Accreditation when SAS transition ends June 30, 2020</u>
January 2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. OPC Meets, 12 additional programs achieve Initial Recognition (Total 227 with Osteopathic Recognition)2. ONMM Review Committee meets, 3 additional ONMM programs achieve Initial Accreditation (Total 22 programs [23 with one outside of SAS with Accreditation])
February 2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>ACGME Board Approved adding an AOA Resident Member to the Board pending approval of Member Organizations</u>2. 382 AOA programs have achieved ACGME Accreditation since January 2018 (Total 685 Programs have achieved Accreditation not inclusive of Dually accredited programs)



Transition Achievements

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February 2020	3. ACGME Annual Conference with the 4 th ACGME-AOGME Pre-Conference for Osteopathic Programs and Institutions
March 2020	1. <u>Corvid-19 Pandemic Crisis, ACGME Board Approves Policy Change for Single GME Accreditation System</u>



Osteopathic Physician Leaders

- ACGME Board Members
- Review/Recognition/CLER Committee Members
 - Resident Members
 - Ex Officio
- Osteopathic physicians have been part of other work groups
 - Milestones
 - Program Directors Summit, etc.
- ACGME Staff
 - Accreditation Field Representatives
 - CLER Staff
 - Senior Vice President, Osteopathic Accreditation



Osteopathic Physician Leaders



Institutions

Remaining Timeline – Institutions

- Institution Review Committee (*IRC*) - meeting dates
- May 27-29, 2020 (*Virtual Meeting*)
- October 7-9, 2020 or January 2021 (*IRC will review any remaining applications in Pre-Accreditation*)



Programs

Remaining Timeline – Programs[^]

- Program Review Committee (RC) - meeting dates
 - Check the ACGME website and review:
 - ❖ Specialty Program Agenda closing dates (these all vary)
 - ❖ Specialty RC meeting dates (Virtual meetings vary for the Spring 2020)
 - ❖ Specialty RC Meetings (*Fall 2020 or Winter 2021 Meetings will review any remaining applications in Pre-Accreditation*)



[^]Core applications require a site visit: site visit and the site visit report must be completed and submitted by the agenda closing date

Application Process

Sponsoring Institution and Program Applications

- Applications for new SI or Programs on or before June 30, 2020
 - Pre-Accreditation Status
 - Reviewed at Fall 2020 or Winter 2021 IRC or RC meetings
- Applications for new SI or Programs after June 30, 2020
 - Beginning July 1, 2020, Single GME Accreditation System Transition has ended
 - Conventional ACGME Process



ACGME Policies



Policies and Procedures

- Subject: 18.00 Accreditation and Recognition Actions: Pre-Accreditation
 - Section: 18.120 Pre-Accreditation
 - Section: 18.123 Termination of, and Appeals from, the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020
- Subject: 19.00 Appeals of Adverse Accreditation Actions
 - Section: 19.10 Adverse Accreditation Actions for Programs and Sponsoring Institutions
- Subject: 8.00 Financials
 - Section: 8.10 Fee Structure



Policies and Procedures

Institutions and programs

- Subject: 18.00 Accreditation and Recognition Actions: Pre-Accreditation
 - Section: 18.120 Pre-Accreditation
 - Section: 18.123 Termination of, and Appeals from, the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020 Phase of the Single Accreditation System



Institutions - Programs

Sponsoring Institutions - Programs in Pre-Accreditation*

- Institutional Review Committee or Specialty Review Committee will review at either a Fall 2020 or Winter 2021 meeting
- Accreditation Decision
 - Initial Accreditation
 - Accreditation Withheld
 - ❖ Institution or Program within 30 days receipt of Letter of Notification may request Appeal
 - ❖ Status of Sponsoring Institution or Program that appeals – Accreditation Withheld under Appeal



*Institutions and Programs in Pre-Accreditation on July 1, 2020

Institutions

- Institutions - Continued Pre-Accreditation* after Midnight June 30, 2020
 - Institutions with a status of Continued Pre-Accreditation will immediately change to Accreditation Withheld
 - ❖ Within 30 days of Midnight June 30, 2020, any Sponsoring Institution may request an Appeal
 - ❖ Status of an Institution that appeals – Accreditation Withheld under Appeal



*Institutions in Continued Pre-Accreditation on July 1, 2020

Programs

- Spring 2020 decisions on Programs: Continued Pre-Accreditation
 - Review Committee may
 - ❖ Award a program Initial Accreditation (with or without a site visit since the last decision on a program)
 - ❖ Defer an accreditation decision on Initial Accreditation until no later than the next fall or winter meeting
 - ❖ Maintain program a status of Continued Pre-Accreditation with no deferral of decision (if there has been a site visit since the last decision on a program)



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Appeal Process



Policies and Procedures

Appeals Process

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 - Section: 19.10 Adverse Accreditation Actions for Programs and Sponsoring Institutions



Accreditation Actions

Adverse actions that can be appealed:

- Accreditation Withheld
- Probationary Accreditation
- Withdrawal of Accreditation
- Reduction in Resident Complement (not applicable to Sponsoring Institutions)



Appeal Process

IRC or RC confers an adverse action

- Notice of the adverse action to the program director and the DIO
- Letter of Notification sent to program director and copied to DIO
 - Includes the citations
 - Copy of the site visitor report (if there was a site visit)
 - ❖ Program director may appeal an adverse action
 - ❖ If a Program does not appeal, adverse action is final



Subject: 8.00 Financials
Section: 8.10 Fee Structure



Appeal Fee

Sponsoring Institutions or Programs that appeal

- An appeal fee shall be assessed (\$10,000.00)
- Appellant and ACGME shall equally share costs associated with the appeal
 - Cost of court reporter
 - Actual expenses for travel, meals, and hotel for the appeals panel and the RC Chair or designee



What happens to programs that
have not achieved ACGME Accreditation
by the end of the transition?



MOU Ends June 30, 2020

- AOA ceases accrediting programs
- AOA has restricted accreditation authority to allow residents to complete training
 - Includes residents from AOA Programs that **did not apply** for ACGME accreditation
 - Includes residents from AOA Programs that **applied** for ACGME accreditation but **have not** achieved ACGME accreditation (Institutions or Programs in Pre-Accreditation or Continued Pre-Accreditation)



What happens to residents
in programs that do not
achieve ACGME accreditation?



Agreement to Protect Residents

- ACGME, AOA, and AACOM agreement
- Provides protection for residents in AOA-approved training programs, which do not achieve ACGME accreditation prior to June 30, 2020 (Unique circumstances that may limit a residents ability to complete program by June 20, 2020)
- AOA will have restricted authority to extend AOA accreditation date
- Allows residents to complete training and be eligible for AOA Board Certification



Institutions

Remaining Timeline – Institutions

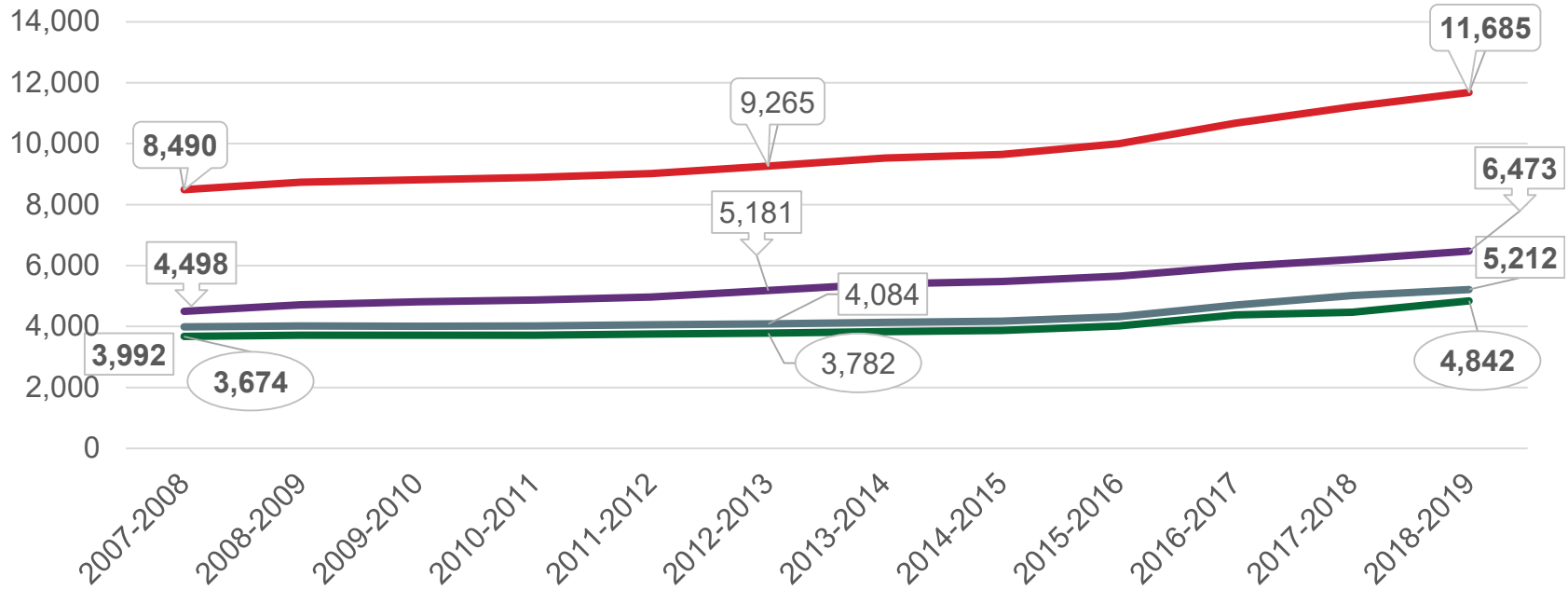
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ACGME Growth



ACGME Growth



— Total Programs — Specialty Programs — Subspecialty Programs — Pipeline Programs

*March 24, 2020, Data ACGME Website

ACGME Today

- **11,894 Accredited GME programs*^**
- **145,834 Residents***
- 852 Sponsoring institutions*
- 150 + Specialty and Subspecialty
 - 28 Review Committees
 - 1 Institutional Review Committee
 - 1 Recognition Committee
 - Over 6,000 items/decisions per year

- **208 Combined-Programs***
 - 79 Med/Peds (Accredited)*
 - 129 Other (Non-accredited)*
 - ❖ 1 FM/ONMM**
 - ❖ 1 FM/EM**
 - ❖ 1 IM/EM**
 - 2,292 Residents*
- **227 Programs Osteopathic Recognition**



*ACGME Data 2019-20 (3-24-2020)

**Former AOA Combined/Integrated Programs

^Total programs include Med/Peds but does not include other Combined programs

Resident Positions



Status of Resident Positions

- Increasing Number of Positions Available to Graduates
- Trend includes both the growth in ACGME-accredited positions and increases in positions traditionally accredited by the AOA

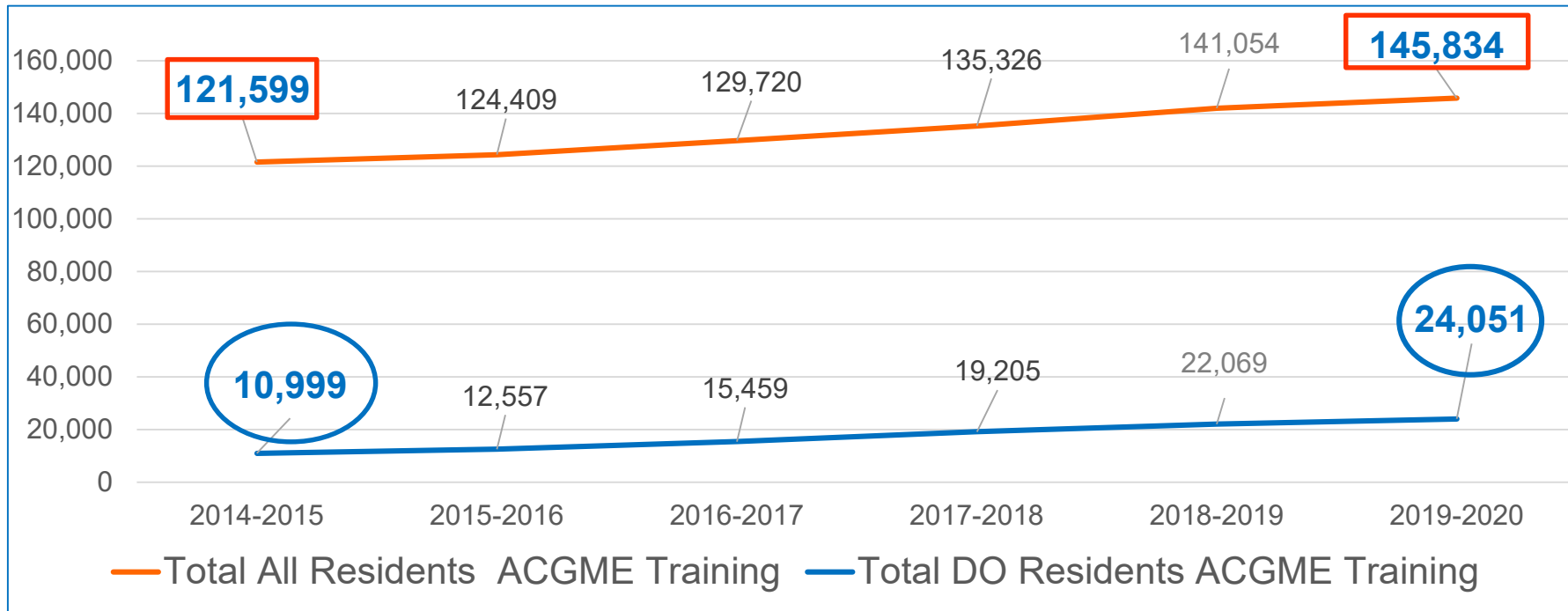


Status of Resident Positions

- Osteopathic graduates in ACGME-accredited programs
 - Doubled over four years (2015 - 2019)
 - ❖ 10,999 (2014-2015)
 - ❖ 24,051 (2019-2020)
- Osteopathic graduates entering ACGME pipeline programs
 - More than doubled (2015-2019)
 - ❖ 2,930 (2014-2015)
 - ❖ 6,370 (2019-2020)



Residents - Training

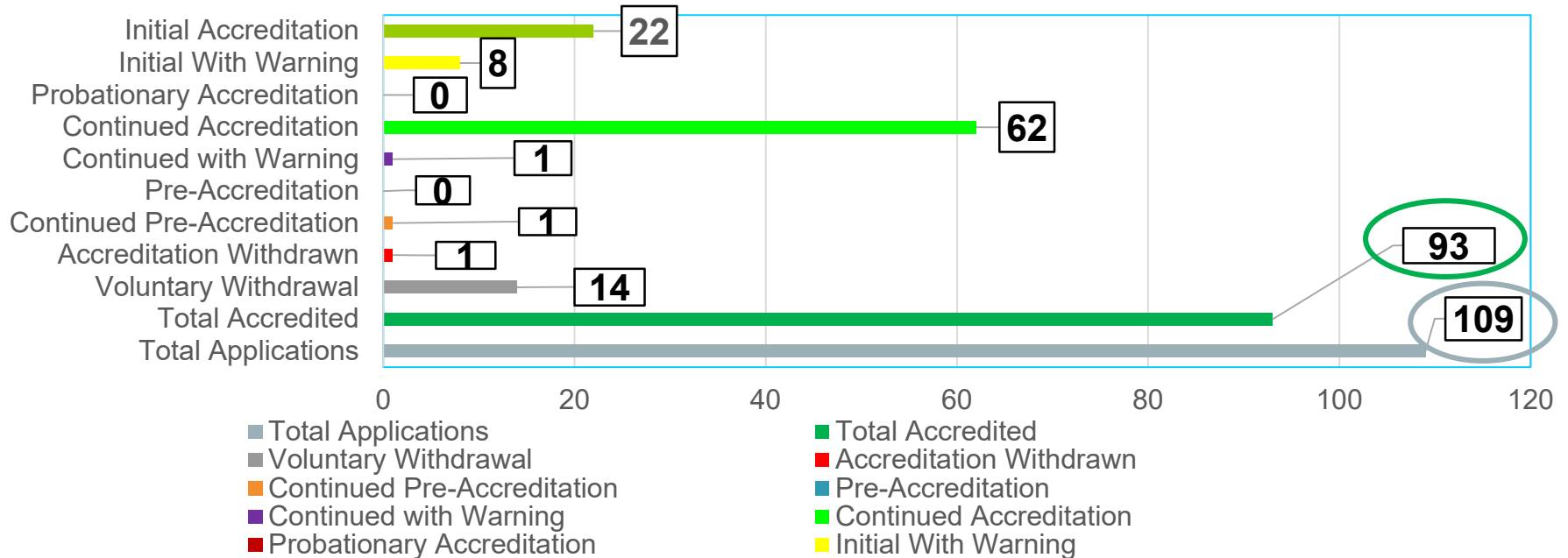


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Sponsoring Institutions



Sponsoring Institutions*

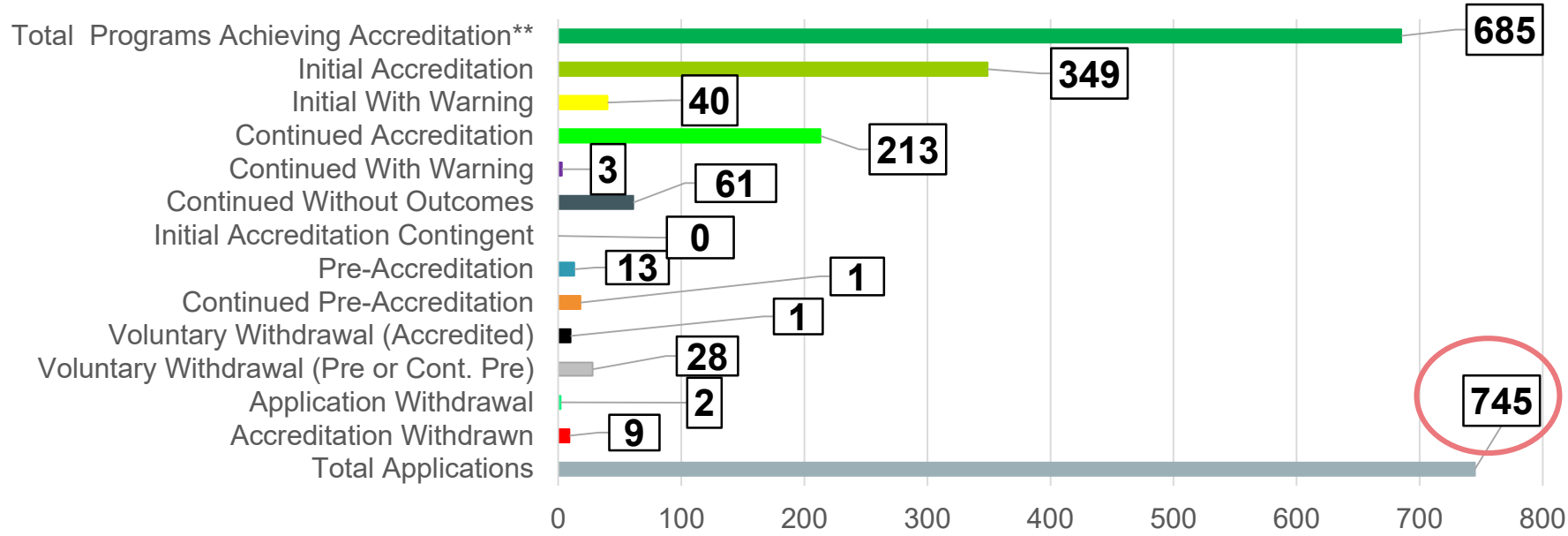


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Status of Programs Applying For Accreditation and Osteopathic Recognition



Programs*

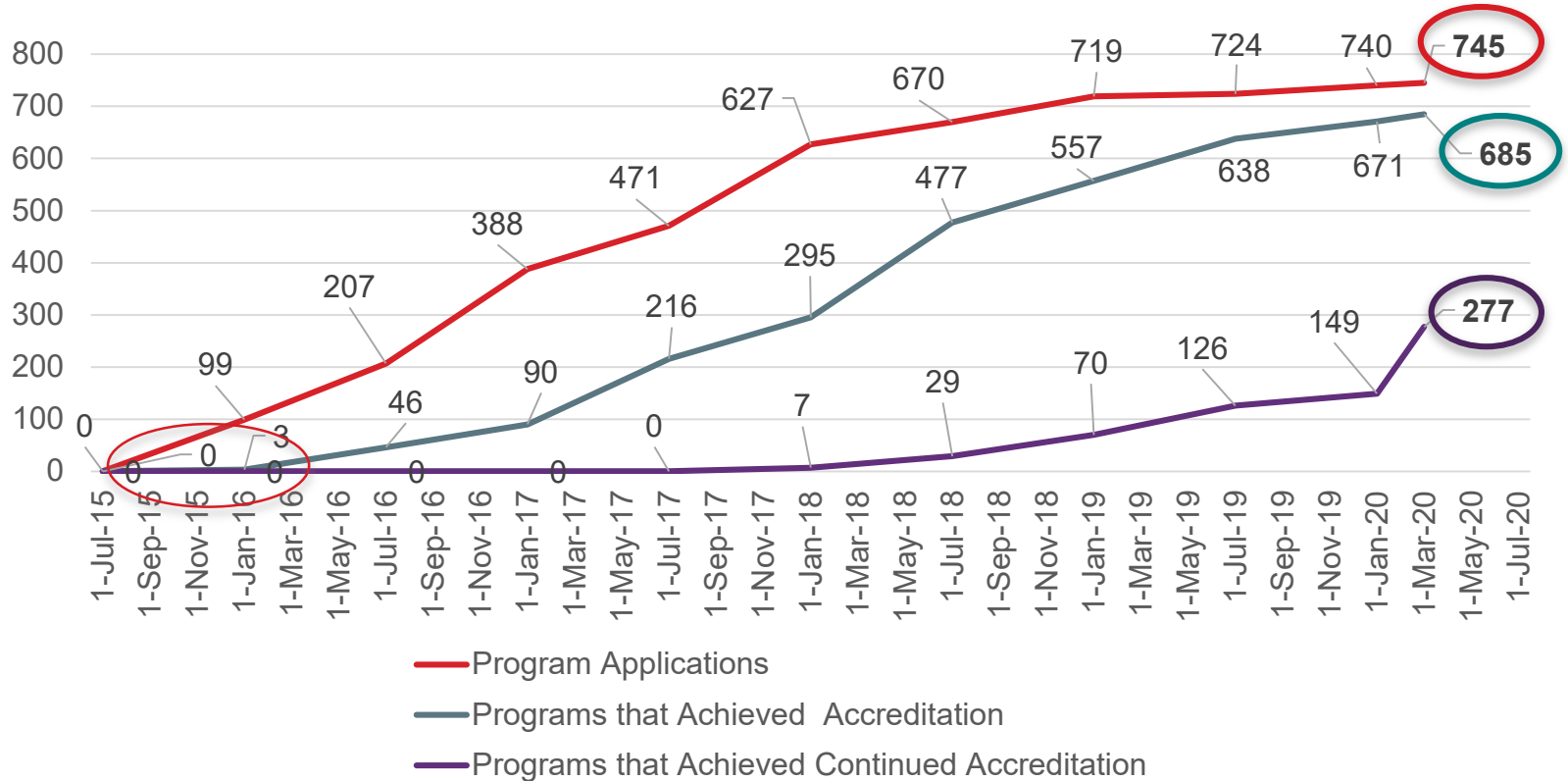


- Total Applications
- Accreditation Withdrawn
- Application Withdrawal
- Voluntary Withdrawal (Pre or Cont. Pre)
- Voluntary Withdrawal (Accredited)
- Continued Pre-Accreditation
- Pre-Accreditation
- Initial Accreditation Contingent



*March 24, 2020, Total Specialty and Subspecialty Applications. Only programs that have submitted under the MOU. Dual Accredited programs not included

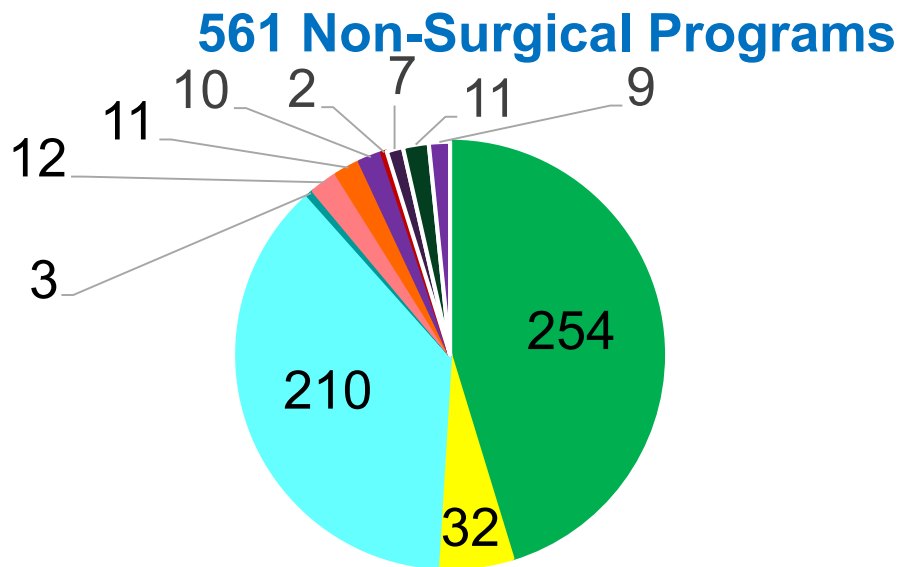
Accredited Programs



Specialty and Subspecialty Programs



Non-Surgical*



■ Initial Accreditation

■ Continued Accreditation

■ Continued Accreditation Without Outcomes

■ Initial Accreditation with Warning

■ Continued With Warning

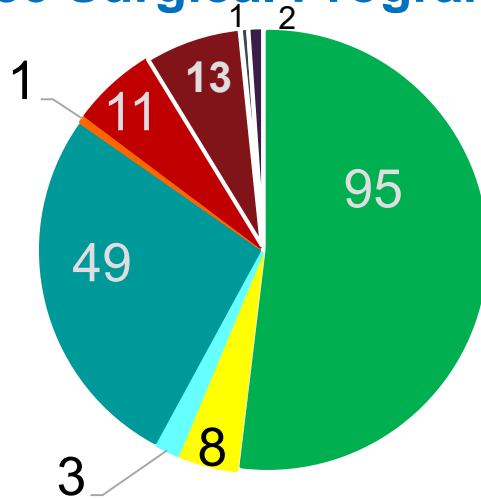
■ Pre-Accreditation



*March 24, 2020 Hospital-based and Medical-based Programs

Surgical*

183 Surgical Programs



- Initial Accreditation
- Continued Accreditation
- Pre-Accreditation

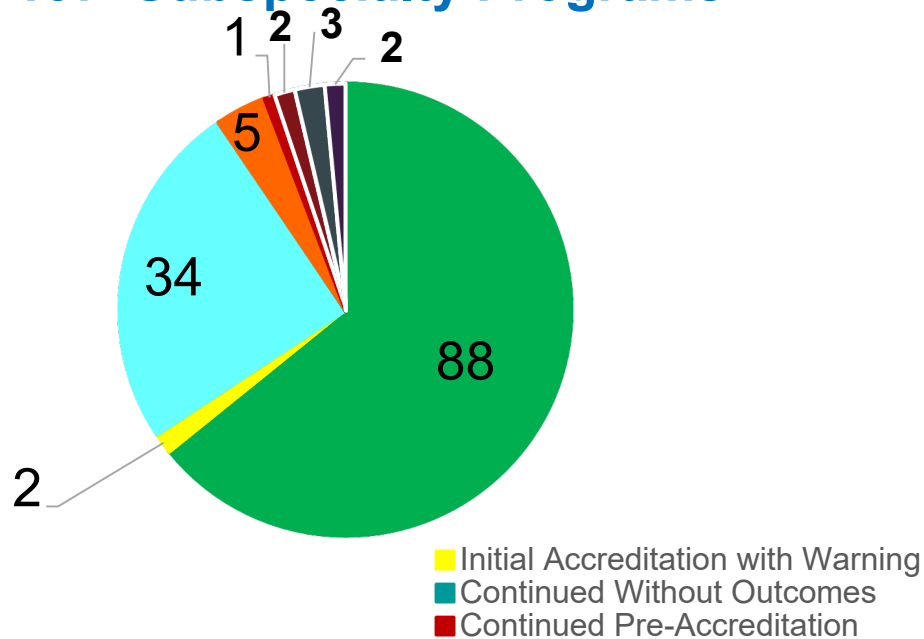
- Initial Accreditation with Warning
- Continued Accreditation Without Outcomes
- Continued Pre-Accreditation



*March 24, 2020 Hospital-based and Medical-based Programs

Subspecialty *

137 Subspecialty Programs



*March 24, 2020 Subspecialty Programs

96.7% of AOA Approved Programs that
have applied have achieved ACGME
Accreditation

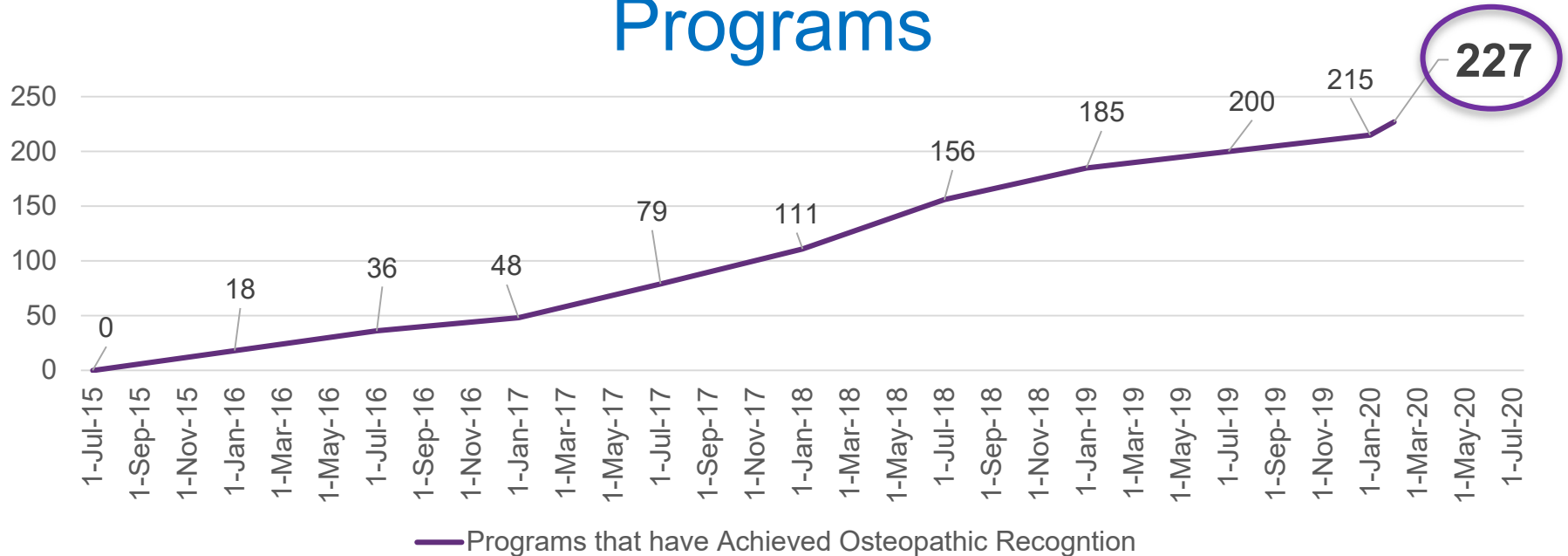


Osteopathic Recognition



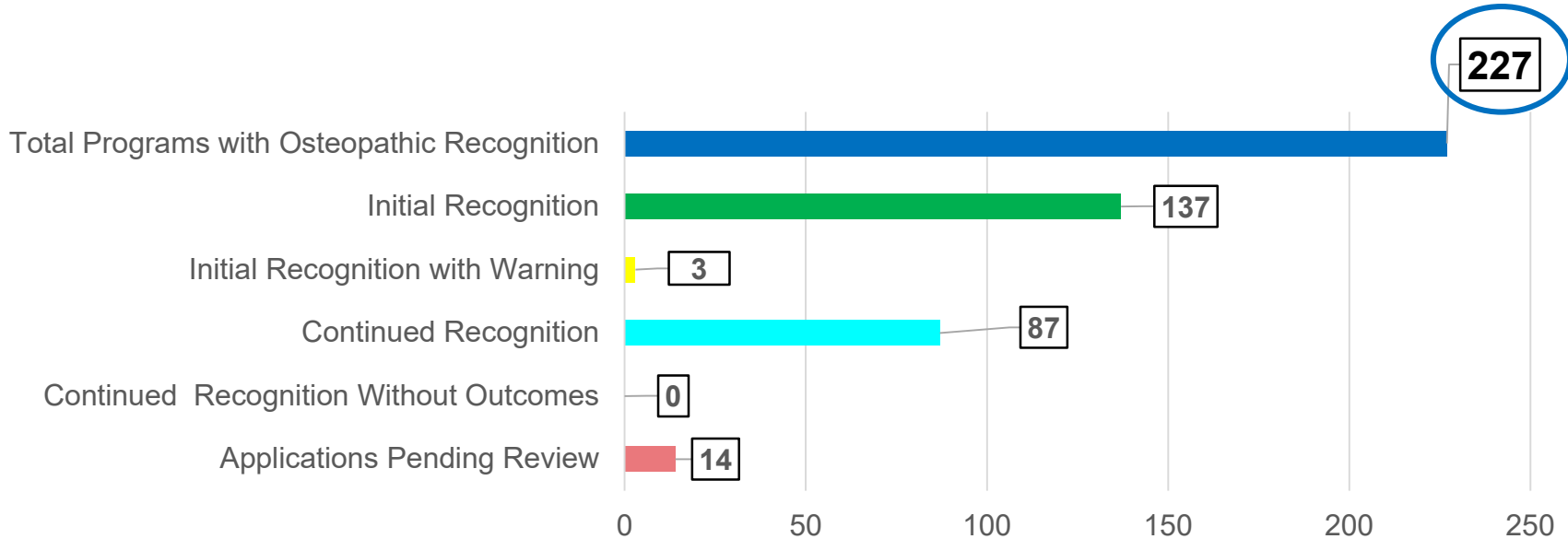
Osteopathic Recognition*

Programs



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Osteopathic Recognition*



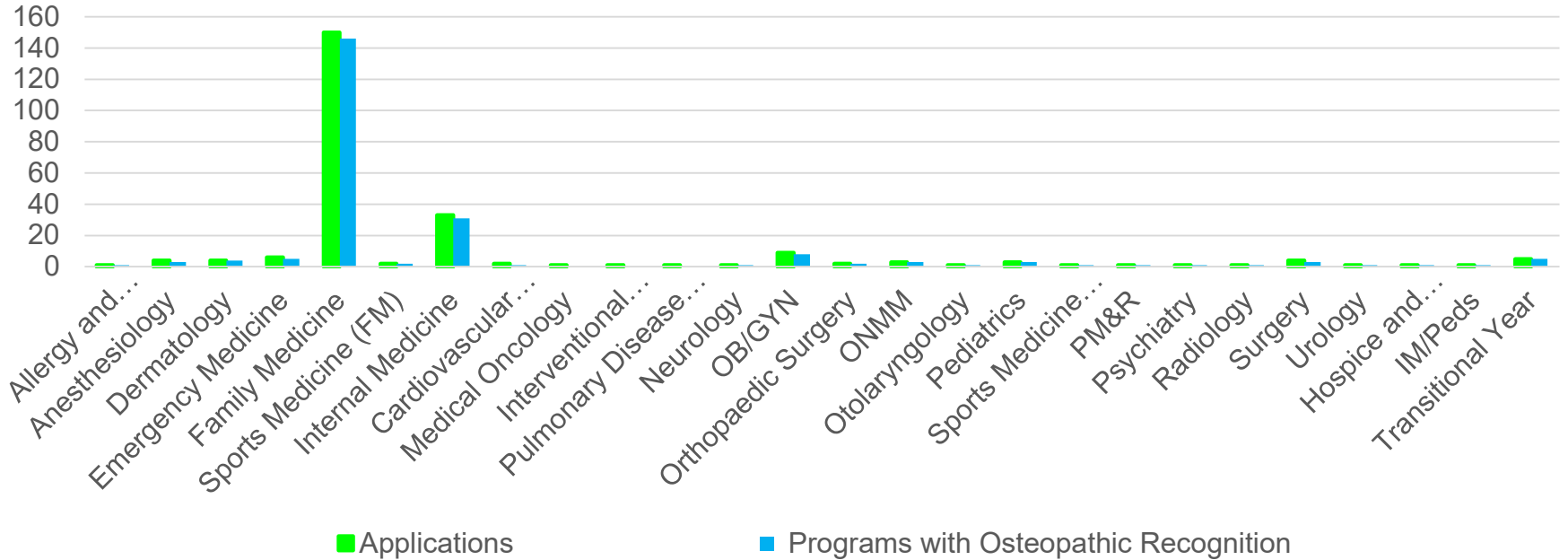
■ Applications Pending Review
■ Continued Recognition
■ Initial Recognition

■ Continued Recognition Without Outcomes
■ Initial Recognition with Warning
■ Total Programs with Osteopathic Recognition



*March 24, 2020, Osteopathic Recognition Specialty and Subspecialty Applications Listed on ACGME.org

Osteopathic Recognition*



*March 24, 2020



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Accreditation Data System (ADS)
ACGME Surveys
Case Log System
Institution and Program Finder

What We Do

Designated
Institutional Officials

Program Directors
and Coordinators

Residents and Fellows

Meetings and
Educational Activities

Data Collection
Systems

Specialties

Response to Pandemic Crisis Section Added to Website

This new section provides information about ACGME activities during the pandemic and guidance for Institutions and programs during this crisis.

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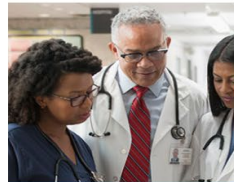
ACGME Response to Pandemic Crisis web section now available
MARCH 24, 2020

ACGME response to COVID-19: Clarification regarding telemedicine and ACGME Surveys
MARCH 20, 2020

Letter to the Community regarding the ACGME response to the COVID-19 crisis
MARCH 18, 2020

ACGME shares Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) information on access to Physician Data Center
MARCH 17, 2020

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Site Visit

The accreditation process for programs and Sponsoring Institutions includes periodic on-site visits to assess compliance with the Program and Institutional Requirements. All accreditation site visits for programs and Sponsoring Institutions are performed by the members of the ACGME Accreditation Field Staff, who are employed by the ACGME.

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