

SUBJECT: ACGME Requirement Reevaluation for Family Medicine Residents  
SUBMITTED BY: ACOFP Resident Council  
REFERRED TO: 2022 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)  
Congress of Delegates

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RESOLUTION NO. 21

- 1 WHEREAS, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) represents a  
2 diverse group of American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP) board certified  
3 osteopathic family physicians practicing in a variety of clinical settings; and  
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- 5 WHEREAS, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) sets guidelines  
6 for graduate medical education completion of family medicine residency programs; and  
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- 8 WHEREAS, completion of an ACGME accredited residency is a requirement for AOBFP board  
9 certification; and  
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- 11 WHEREAS, section IV.C. of the ACGME program requirements for graduate medical education  
12 in family medicine outlines requirements of 1650 in-person patient encounters in the FMP  
13 site, 750 patient encounters dedicated to the care of hospitalized adult patients, 15  
14 encounters dedicated to the care of ICU patients, 250 encounters dedicated to the care of  
15 acutely ill or injured adults in an emergency department setting, 125 patient encounters  
16 dedicated to the care of the older patient, 250 encounters dedicated to the care of ill child  
17 patients in the hospital and/or emergency setting with a minimum of 75 inpatient and 75  
18 emergency department encounters, 250 encounters dedicated to the care of children and  
19 adolescents in an ambulatory setting, 40 newborn patient encounters including well and ill  
20 newborns, and 125 patient encounters dedicated to the care of women with gynecologic  
21 issues<sup>1</sup>; and  
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- 23 WHEREAS, these requirements inadequately represent the fields family medicine graduates  
24 are pursuing following residency completion; and  
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- 26 WHEREAS, data from the 2020 Family Medicine National Graduate Survey found that 19% of  
27 graduates reported that they do not currently practice outpatient continuity care. 46% of  
28 those not practicing primary care identify as hospitalists, and a combined 37% identify as  
29 working in emergency medicine or urgent care<sup>2-3</sup>; and  
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- 31 WHEREAS, the requirements for inpatient Intensive Care Unit patient encounters are  
32 disproportionately low compared to the recently conducted Family Medicine National  
33 Graduate Survey responses; and  
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35 WHEREAS, the requirements for inpatient and emergency medicine pediatric encounters are  
36 disproportionately high compared to the recently conducted Family Medicine National  
37 Graduate Survey responses, and these encounters are restrictive and discriminative towards  
38 physicians practicing in rural or low-income areas without inpatient pediatric services; now,  
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41 RESOLVED, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) advocates to the  
42 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) on behalf of its resident  
43 members for reevaluation of residency curriculum organization and resident experiences as  
44 outlined in section IV.C of the ACGME program requirements for graduate medical education  
45 in family medicine to better represent the diversity of fields osteopathic family medicine  
46 graduate will go on to pursue.

FINAL ACTION: DISAPPROVED as of March 16, 2022

*Explanatory Statement from Committee: Section IV.C of the ACGME Family Medicine Residency Standards has been modified as of February 2022.*

References:

1. [https://www.acgme.org/globalassets/pfassets/programrequirements/120\\_familymedicine\\_2021.pdf](https://www.acgme.org/globalassets/pfassets/programrequirements/120_familymedicine_2021.pdf)
2. <https://www.jabfm.org/content/jabfp/31/5/677.full.pdf>
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