

INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON FREQUENCY OF CITINGS OF ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN ENDODONTICS

Background: The Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics were approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation on February 12, 2021, with implementation on July 1, 2022. Since the implementation date, 20 site visits have been conducted by visiting committees of the Commission utilizing the July 2022 Standards. At the time of this report, the Standards include 81 “must” statements addressing 138 required areas of compliance. This report presents the number of times areas of non-compliance were cited by visiting committees conducting site visits from July 1, 2022, through October 31, 2024. If special (focused or comprehensive), pre-enrollment, or pre-graduation site visits were conducted during this period, citings from those visits are also included.

Analysis: The distribution of citings is presented in **Appendix 1**. At the time of this report, there were four (4) citings total. Standard 3 Facilities and Resources had one (1) citing, Standard 4 Curriculum and Program Duration had two (2) citings, and Standard 5 Advanced Dental Education Students/Residents had one (1) citing. There were no (0) citings in Standard 1 Institutional Commitment/Program Effectiveness; Standard 2 Program Director and Teaching Staff; and Standard 6 Research. Due to the limited number of citings, no analysis can be performed at this time.

Summary: The Commission will continue to receive reports annually summarizing the updated data on the frequency of citings of individual Standards.

Recommendation: This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN ENDODONTICS

Frequency of Citings Based on Required Areas of Compliance

Total Number Programs Evaluated: 20
July 1, 2022, through October 31, 2024

STANDARD 1 - INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT/PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS –
20 Required Areas of Compliance

STANDARD 2 – PROGRAM DIRECTOR & TEACHING STAFF – 26 Required Areas
of Compliance

STANDARD 3 – FACILITIES AND RESOURCES – 15 Required Areas of Compliance

<u>Noncompliance Citings</u>	<u>Accreditation Standard</u>	<u>Required Area of Compliance</u>
1	3	All students/residents, faculty and support staff involved in the direct provision of patient care must be continuously recognized/certified in basic life support procedures, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation

STANDARD 4 – CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DURATION – 58 Required Areas
of Compliance

<u>Noncompliance Citings</u>	<u>Accreditation Standard</u>	<u>Required Area of Compliance</u>
1	4-6	A minimum of 40% and a maximum of 60% of the total clock hours in a two year (24 months) program must be devoted to clinical care.
1	4-13	Students/Residents must actively participate in endodontic and interdisciplinary seminars and conferences evaluating diagnostic data, treatment plans, treatment procedures, and outcomes assessment.

STANDARD 5 – ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION STUDENTS/RESIDENTS –
12 Required Areas of Compliance

<u>Noncompliance Citings</u>	<u>Accreditation Standard</u>	<u>Required Area of Compliance</u>
	<u>5</u>	Eligible applicants to advanced dental education programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation must be graduates from:
1	5b	Predoctoral dental programs in Canada accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada; or

STANDARD 6 – RESEARCH – 3 Required Areas of Compliance

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED REVISION TO EXAMPLES OF EVIDENCE FOR STANDARD 1 OF THE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Background: At its January 31, 2025 meeting, through consideration of the Report of the Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education (PGD RC), the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) learned that the list of accreditation organizations recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) included in the Examples of Evidence of Standard 1 within the Accreditation Standards for all advanced dental education programs has changed (**Appendix 1**). Changes include the addition of one (1) organization, removal of organizations, and changes in the acronyms listed for some organizations. In addition, the Commission learned that the PGD RC discussed whether all organizations included in the current CMS-recognized list of accreditation organizations should be accepted for CODA-accredited dental education programs. The PGD RC believed the decision to include these CMS-recognized organizations in CODA's Standards for advanced dental education programs was outside the purview of the PGD RC.

Following discussion, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directed each advanced dental education Review Committee to examine the proposed revisions to Examples of Evidence in Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for all advanced dental education disciplines under the Commission's purview related to sponsoring institution and authority (**Appendix 1**), with a report to the commission at the August 2025 meeting.

Summary: The Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC) and the Commission on Dental Accreditation are requested to examine the proposed revisions to Examples of Evidence in Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for all advanced dental education disciplines under the Commission's purview, related to sponsoring institution and authority, found in **Appendix 1**, with a report to the Commission at the August 2025 meeting.

Recommendation:

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Additions are underlined; Deletions are ~~stricken~~

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

- Accreditation certificate or current official listing of accredited institutions from a United States Department of Education recognized accreditation organization
- Evidence of successful achievement of Service-specific organizational inspection criteria
- Accreditation certificate or current official listing of accredited institution from an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). For example: Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHHC); Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC); American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (~~AAAASFQuadA~~); ~~American Osteopathic Association Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (AOA/HFAP)~~; Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ); Community Health Accreditation ~~Program~~ Partner (CHAP); DNV ~~GL~~ Healthcare (DNV~~GL~~); National Dialysis Accreditation Commission (NDAC); The Compliance Team (TCT); The Joint Commission (~~TJC~~); National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP); Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC).
- Evidence of successful achievement of receive regular on-site inspections through the Health Resources and Services Administration Operational Site Visit (HRSA-OSV) process.