

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON FREQUENCY OF CITINGS
OF ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION
PROGRAMS IN ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS**

Background: The Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics were approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation at its February 12, 2021, meeting and were implemented on July 1, 2022. Since that date, 31 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 87 “must” statements addressing 126 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 20 citings total. Standard 1 Institutional Commitment/Program Effectiveness had two (2) citings, Standard 2 Program Director and Teaching Staff had 13 citings, Standard 3 Facilities and Resources had five (5) citings. There were no (0) citings in Standard 4 Curriculum and Program Duration, Standard 5 Advanced Dental Education Students/Residents, and Standard 6 Research. The most frequently cited standard with four (4) citings occurs in Standard 2-9 related to faculty to student/resident ratio in the entire program. Due to the small number of citings, no further analysis can be made 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 ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS**

Frequency of Citings Based on Required Areas of Compliance

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

**STANDARD 1 – INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT/PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS –
28 Required Areas of Compliance**

Noncompliance Citings	<u>Accreditation Standard</u>	Required Area of Compliance
1	1	The program must document its effectiveness using a formal and ongoing outcomes assessment process to include measures of advanced education student/resident achievement.
1	1-1	Graduates must receive instruction in the application of the principles of ethical reasoning, ethical decision making and professional responsibility as they pertain to the academic environment, research, patient care, and practice management.

**STANDARD 2 – PROGRAM DIRECTOR & TEACHING STAFF – 22 Required Areas
of Compliance**

Noncompliance Citings	<u>Accreditation Standard</u>	Required Area of Compliance
2	2	Documentation of all program activities must be ensured by the program director and available for review.
1	2-2	The program director position must be full-time as defined by the institution.
1	2-3	There must be evidence that sufficient time is devoted to the program by the director so that the educational and administrative responsibilities can be met.
1	2-5	For all appointments after July 1, 2009, the director must have had teaching experience in an academic orthodontic departmental setting for a minimum of two (2) years.
1	2-8	In addition to their regular teaching responsibilities with the department, fulltime faculty must have adequate time for their own professional development.

4	2-9	The program must ensure a minimum of one (1) full time equivalent (FTE) faculty to four (4) students/residents for the entire program, including clinical, didactic, administration, and research components.
3	2-10	For clinic coverage, the program must ensure no less than one (1) faculty to eight (8) students/residents to assure the number and time commitment of faculty is sufficient to provide full supervision of the clinical portion of the program.

STANDARD 3 – FACILITIES AND RESOURCES – 18 Required Areas of Compliance

Noncompliance Citings	<u>Accreditation Standard</u>	Required Area of Compliance
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.
2	3-5	Adequate secretarial, clerical, dental auxiliary and technical personnel must be provided to enable students/residents to achieve the educational goals of the program.
2	3-6	Clinical facilities must be provided within the sponsoring or affiliated institution to fulfill the educational needs of the program.

STANDARD 4 – CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DURATION – 47 Required Areas of Compliance

STANDARD 5 – ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION STUDENTS/RESIDENTS – 9 Required Areas of Compliance

STANDARD 6 – RESEARCH – 2 Required Areas of Compliance

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON FREQUENCY OF CITINGS OF
ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP TRAINING
PROGRAMS IN CRANIOFACIAL AND SPECIAL CARE ORTHODONTICS**

Background: The Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics were adopted and implemented by the Commission on Dental Accreditation on January 1, 2023. Since that date, three (3) site visits have been conducted by visiting committees of the Commission utilizing the January 2023 Standards. At the time of this report, the Standards include 69 “must” statements addressing 108 required areas of compliance. This report presents the number of times areas of non-compliance were cited by visiting committees conducting site visits from January 1, 2023 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: **Appendix 1** presents the individual “must” statements and required areas of compliance. To ensure confidentiality, Frequency of Citings Reports will not be made available where a limited number (three or less) of programs have been site visited. Once there are four (4) or more Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics site visited, the non-compliance citings will be analyzed and summarized accordingly.

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 CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP TRAINING
PROGRAMS IN CRANIOFACIAL AND SPECIAL CARE ORTHODONTICS**

Frequency of Citings Based on Required Areas of Compliance

Total Number Programs Evaluated: 3
January 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024

To ensure confidentiality, Frequency of Citings Reports will not be made available in disciplines where a limited number (three or less) of programs have been site visited.

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

STANDARD 2 – PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND TEACHING STAFF – 18 Required
Areas of Compliance

STANDARD 3 – FACILITIES AND RESOURCES – 17 Required Areas of Compliance

STANDARD 4 – CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DURATION – 15 Required Areas
of Compliance

STANDARD 5 –STUDENTS/FELLOWS– 10 Required Areas of Compliance

STANDARD 6 – FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS – 17 Required Areas of Compliance

STANDARD 7 – RESEARCH – 1 Required Area 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 Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education (ORTHO 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~~

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- Accreditation certificate or current official listing of accredited institutions from a United States Department of Education recognized accreditation organization
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- Evidence of successful achievement of receive regular on-site inspections through the Health Resources and Services Administration Operational Site Visit (HRSA-OSV) process.

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