

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

**Background:** The Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics were approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation at its February 11, 2022 meeting and were implemented on January 1, 2023. Since that date, 14 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 93 “must” statements addressing 182 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:** The distribution of citings is presented in **Appendix 1**. At the time of this report, there were seven (7) citings total. Standard 2 Program Director and Teaching Staff had one (1) citing and Standard 4 Curriculum and Program Duration had six (6) citings. There were no (0) citings in Standard 1 Institutional Commitment/Program Effectiveness; Standard 3 Facilities and Resources; Standard 5 Advanced Dental Education Students/Residents; 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 PERIODONTICS

### Frequency of Citings Based on Required Areas of Compliance

Total Number Programs Evaluated: 14  
January 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024

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

STANDARD 2 – PROGRAM DIRECTOR & TEACHING STAFF – 23 Required Areas  
of Compliance

Noncompliance Citings	<u>Accreditation Standard</u>	<b>Required Area of Compliance</b>
1	2-5	Faculty <b>must</b> be assigned for all clinical sessions and immediately available for consultation with students/residents and patients. There <b>must</b> be direct supervision by periodontists of students/residents who are performing periodontal and dental implant related surgical procedures.

STANDARD 3 – FACILITIES AND RESOURCES – 13 Required Areas of Compliance

STANDARD 4 – CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DURATION – 96 Required Areas  
of Compliance

Noncompliance Citings	<u>Accreditation Standard</u>	<b>Required Area of Compliance</b>
	4-8	The educational program <b>must</b> provide clinical training for the student/resident to the level of competency. This <b>must</b> include, but is not limited to, the following treatment methods for health, comfort, function and esthetics:
1	4-8b	b. Surgical management of periodontal diseases and conditions, including: 1. Resective surgery, including gingivoplasty, gingivectomy, periodontal flap procedures, osteoplasty, ostectomy, and tooth/root resection; 2. Regenerative and reparative surgery including osseous grafting, guided tissue regeneration, the use of biologics, and utilization of tissue substitutes, where appropriate; and

		3. Periodontal plastic and esthetic surgery techniques including gingival augmentation, root coverage procedures and crown lengthening surgery.
1	4-8c	c. Tooth extraction in the course of periodontal and implant therapy.
	4-10.2	Clinical training in dental implant therapy to the level of competency <b>must</b> include:
1	4-10.2a	a. Implant site development to include hard and soft tissue preservation and reconstruction, including ridge augmentation and sinus floor elevation;
1	4-10.2b	b. Surgical placement of implants; and
1	4-10.2c	c. Management of peri-implant tissues in health and disease.
1	4-10.2d	d. Provisionalization of dental implants.

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

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 Periodontics Education (PERIO 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:**

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

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.