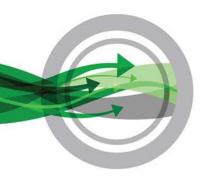


Self-Study: Who, What, When, Why, How?

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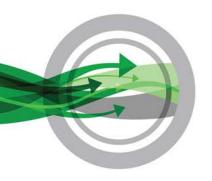
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Goals and Objectives

- Understand the rationale behind self-study
- Develop a comprehensive self-study process
- Analyze and implement self-study findings





Why Do a Self-study?

- Promote improvement
- Analyze community needs
- Comprehensive, longitudinal review of program
- Set aspirational goals
- Recognition of meeting requirements
- Raise the bar beyond minimum standards



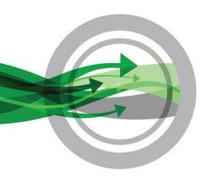


Components of self-study

- Assign core self-study committee
- Determine timeline
 - Work backwards from self-study date
 - Large programs w/subs longer time than smaller programs
- Determine who (stakeholders)
- SWOT
- Data Collection
- Analysis/Report
- Self-study summary document





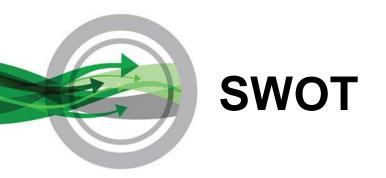


Sample time line

- Self-study date June 1, 2017
 - August 2016 recruit stakeholders; finalize APE; form self-study committee
 - September 2016 educate on self-study process; finalize timeline; develop surveys; determine meetings; create list of data points
 - November 2016 send surveys; collect data
 - December 2016/January 2017

 SWOT; program aims
 - February 2017 Meetings with survey groups
 - March/April 2017 Analysis; confirm with stakeholders
 - May 2017 Complete self-study summary
 - June 2017 Submit summary document to ACGME

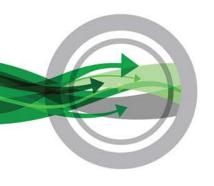




- Strengths, Weaknesses,
 Opportunities, Threats
 - Weakness = areas for improvement
 - No right or wrong answers
 - Non-punitive
 - Group effort







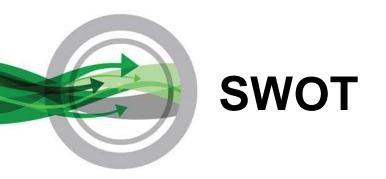
SWOT ANALYSIS



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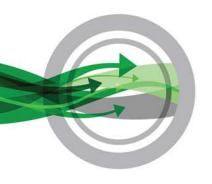
- Opportunities are external factors that are not in your control.
 - What external changes will bring you opportunities?
 - What are the current ongoing trends? Positive or negative?
 - What are the social and economic conditions?
 - What real opportunities are present today?
 - Is there anything that is going on around you that may be useful?
 - What are some best practices that you can incorporate?
 - What can you do today that is not being done?
 - Who can support you and how?





- Threats are external factors that are not in your control.
 - What are the negative aspects in the current market?
 - Are your key staff members and workers satisfied with their wages and other benefits?
 - Do you see them being poached by your rivals?
 - Do you see a change in resident recruitment?
 - Are any new government regulations going to affect you?
 - What are the chances of a natural disaster affecting your program?
 - Will political instability hurt you?
 - What might cause you problems in the future and how?
 - What is your competition doing that might cause difficulties for you?
 - Do your residents stay in the organization or do they work elsewhere?

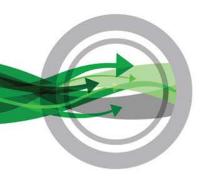




Program Aims

- Aims are general statements
 - Provide shape & direction to the more specific actions designed to achieve some product or behavior.
 - Starting points that suggest some ideal or inspirational vision for the good.
 - Reflect value judgments and value-laden statements.
 - Provide guides for the educational or training process.
- Educational aims
 - Relevant to the times (present and the future)
 - Have direction that matches community need
 - Do not have to be static

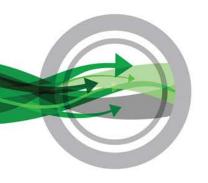




Writing Program Aims

- Broad goal (objectives get you to the goal)
 - Train individuals to be community physicians and experts in community medicine.
 - Train individuals to be physician-scientists.
 - Train individuals to be experts in population health and practice in medically underserved areas.
 - Train individuals to be academic physicians that practice in large teaching hospitals.
 - Train individuals to be physician leaders.





Writing Program Aims

- Who is being trained?
 - Resident demographics
- What do graduates do after graduation?
 - Where they practice
- What populations does the program serve?
 - Community demographics





- Data Collection
 - Survey
 - Who to survey?
 - What to ask?
 - Focus group/Meetings
 - Who to meet?
 - What to ask?
- Frame around aim and educational environment







Additional data points

- APE(s)—including action plan(s)
- ADS information
- Letters of notification
- Survey results (ACGME & internal)
- Program, institution, area specific information
 - i.e. new hospital, new residency in area, changing demographics, mergers, etc.

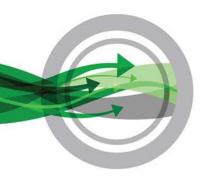




- Core Self-study group
- Pick key areas
- Prepare self-study summary
- Action plan
 - Focus on getting to your aim
 - Focus on improvement



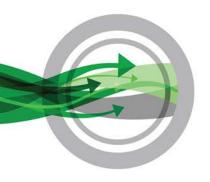




Self-study summary

- On ACGME website
 - Core
 - Subspecialty
- Only 8 questions
- Due by the end of the month of assigned self-study date. Example:
 - Self-study date of June 2017, the summary must be uploaded by June 30, 2017.
- DIO/GMEC review





Self-study summary

- Q1: Program description
 - Describe as would to an applicant
 - 250 word maximum
- Q2: Program aims
 - 150 word maximum
- Q3: Program activities to advance aims
 - Current or initiated activities
 - 250 word maximum
- Q4: Opportunities
 - 250 word maximum





Self-study summary

- Q5: Threats
 - 250 word maximum
- Q6: APE process
 - Aggregation of information; tracking of action plans
 - 250 word maximum
- Q7: Self-study process
 - Who, data used, how analyzed, prioritization of improvement areas, other information
 - 450 word maximum
- Q8: Learning that occurred during self study
 - Optional (but recommended)
 - 250 word maximum





Implement

Action plan

AY 2015-2016	Item or Intervention	Date & Responsible Person	Expectations Outcomes & date	Status & date





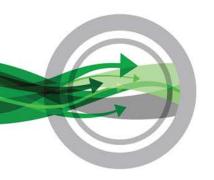
Lessons learned so far...

- Set deadlines
- Start early
- Integrate with APE process
- Opens discussion
- Not punitive
- Faculty development opportunity





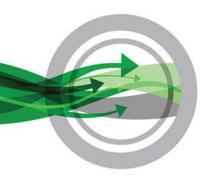
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Effective Self-study for Programs

Action	Do use for	Don't use for
Purpose	Quality improvement	Defense or justification
Focus	Program	Department
Report	Analysis & evaluation	Description of program
Data	Assessment of SWOT	Attached raw data
Authorship	All inclusive	PD only exercise





Resources

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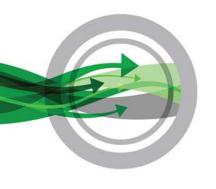
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