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Formative Feedback

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LCME Standards

9.7 – Formative Assessment and Feedback

Scope

University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Columbia students in the undergraduate medical program and faculty involved in the program.

Policy Statement

Pre-clerkship courses and blocks (M-I and M-II):

All pre-clerkship courses and blocks that include at least two weeks of instruction will provide formative feedback to each student. This feedback can be in the form of quizzes or exams prior to a summative final; and/or written/oral feedback of small group participation, clinical or laboratory performance.

Required clinical clerkships (M-III and M-IV):

All required clinical clerkships of four weeks or more in duration will provide formal mid-clerkship feedback to each student. The feedback will be oral, but may include a written component.

Reason for Policy

The LCME expects that the medical schools' curricular governance committee ensures that each medical student is provided with formal formative feedback early enough during each required course, block or clerkship to allow sufficient time for remediation. Formative feedback occurs at least by the midpoint of a course, block or clerkship. A course, block or clerkship two weeks or less in length should provide alternate means by which a medical student can measure their learning.

Definitions

Formative Feedback: Information communicated to a medical student in a timely manner that is intended to modify the student's thinking or behavior to improve their subsequent learning and performance in the medical curriculum. (Element 9.7)



Procedures

Pre-clerkship courses and blocks (M-I and M-II):

The scores of formative quizzes and exams should be available for a student to review within two business days. Formative feedback from small groups and laboratories, if not provided at the time of the student's participation, will be received within five business days.

Required clinical clerkships (M-III and M-IV): A formal formative feedback meeting will take place between the student and the clerkship director (or clerkship site director) at or near the midpoint of each required clerkship to discuss the student's performance and review their patient encounters log.

Contacts

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History

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