



Specialty Update – Orthopaedic Surgery

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Review Committee for Orthopaedic Surgery

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Discussion Topics

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- ❖ Annual Review – Overview and Data Elements
- ❖ Accreditation and Program Statistics
- ❖ Procedural Logs and Board Pass Rates
- ❖ Review Committee Updates
- ❖ ACGME Program Accreditation Site Visit Update
- ❖ ACGME Resources

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The Mission of the ACGME is to improve health care and population health by assessing and enhancing the quality of resident and fellow physicians' education through advancements in accreditation and education.

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Upcoming Review Committee Meetings

❖ **April 25-26, 2025 (Deadline: March 14, 2025)**

Applications with completed site visits and non-accreditation status requests accepted

❖ **Fall Meeting TBD**

Applications and Initial Accreditation with completed site visits and increase in complement requests accepted

Future meeting dates will be posted to the Orthopaedic Surgery webpage:

<https://www.acgme.org/specialties/orthopaedic-surgery/overview/>

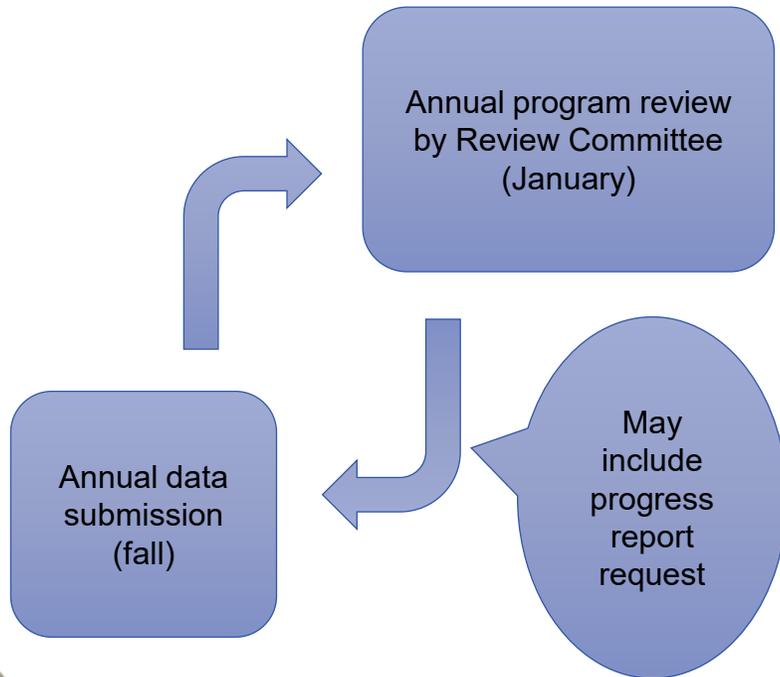


Annual Program Review

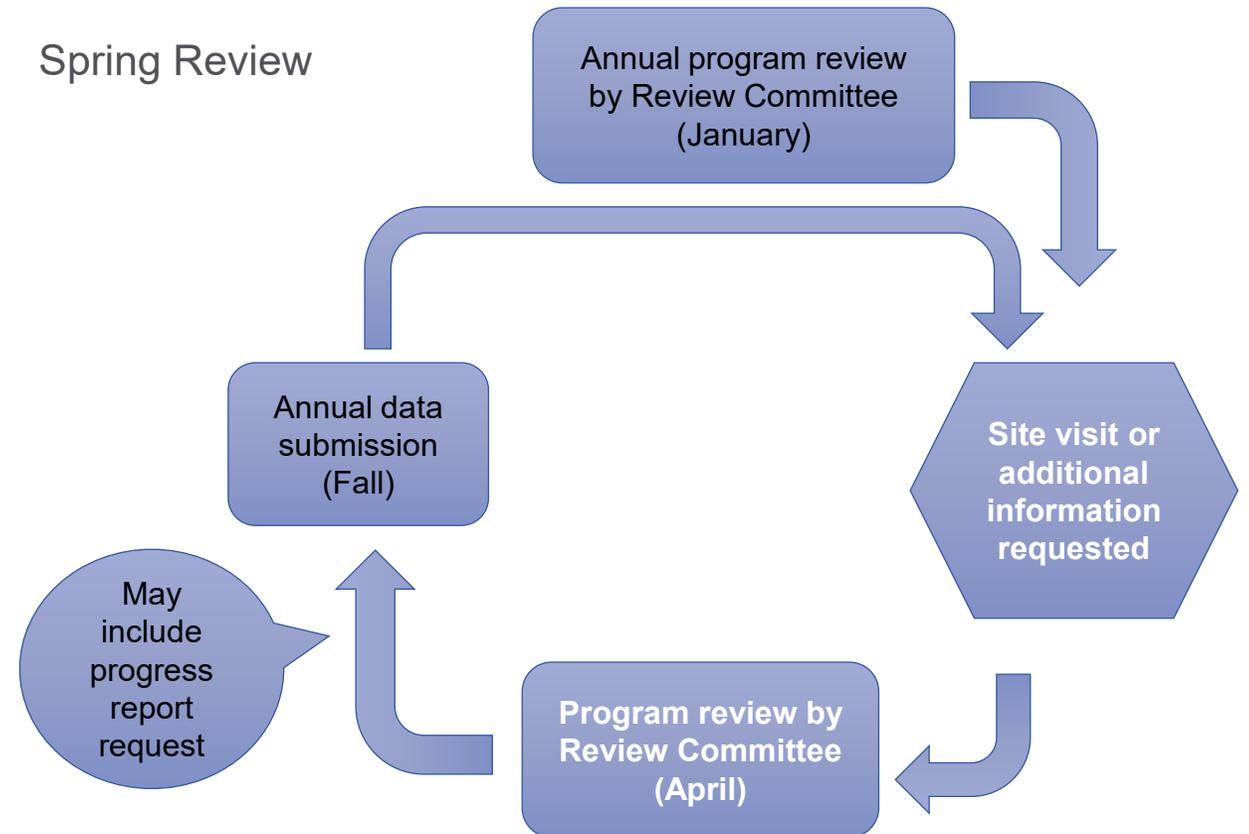
Overview and Data Elements

Annual Program Review – Overview

Winter Review



Spring Review



Annual Program Review – Data Elements

All data reviewed will be from the most recently completed academic year **except** for major changes and response to citations.

- ❖ ADS Annual Update (Program changes, program attrition, scholarly activity)
- ❖ Graduate Case Log data
- ❖ Board pass rate
- ❖ Surveys (Resident and Faculty)
- ❖ Omission of data

ADS Annual Update

- Late summer/early fall each year
- **Very** important to provide complete and accurate program information during the Annual Update
- The information entered provides key information to the committee that may be used during the annual program review

Block Diagrams

- **Residency** – Representation of program’s rotation schedule; **Not** actual residents’ schedules
- **Fellowships** – representation of individual fellow
- Be sure to use RC template and fill out all sections
- Instructions are included at the bottom of the template
- Orthopaedic Surgery – specific [Block Diagram templates](#) on ACGME website
- Questions? Contact [Stephanie Lose](#)



Accreditation and Program Statistics

Program Statistics

Total Programs Accredited (AY 2023-2024)

Core 209

Fellowships 265

Pending Applications

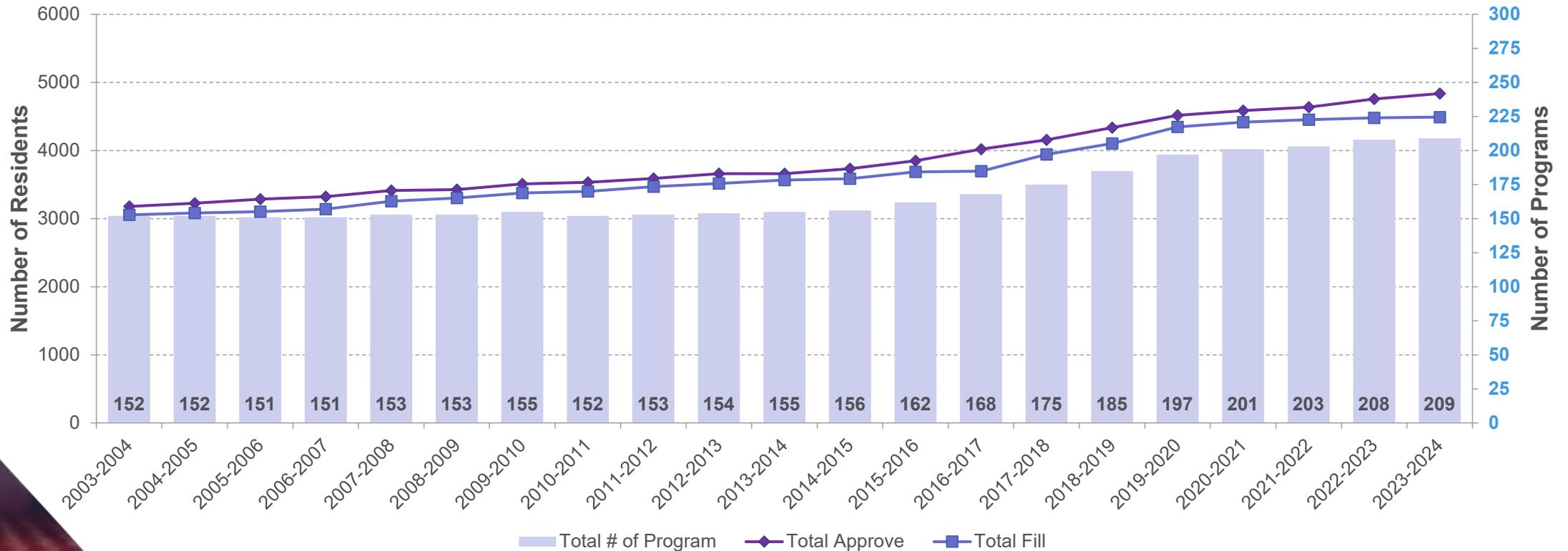
Core 4

Fellowships 5

Accreditation Status (AY 2023-2024)

Specialty	TOTAL	Initial Accreditation	Continued Accreditation	Continued with warning	Probationary Accreditation	Withdrawal of Accreditation
260 Orthopaedic surgery (residency)	209	10	193	3	1	2
261 Adult reconstructive orthopaedics	26	3	23			
262 Foot and ankle orthopaedics	9	2	7			
263 Hand surgery (orthopaedic surgery)	73	1	72			
270 Musculoskeletal oncology	12		12			
268 Orthopaedic sports medicine	93	4	88	1		
267 Orthopaedic surgery of the spine	16	1	15			
269 Orthopaedic trauma	12		12			
265 Pediatric orthopaedics	24	1	23			

Program/Complement History: Orthopaedic Surgery – Core (2003-2024)



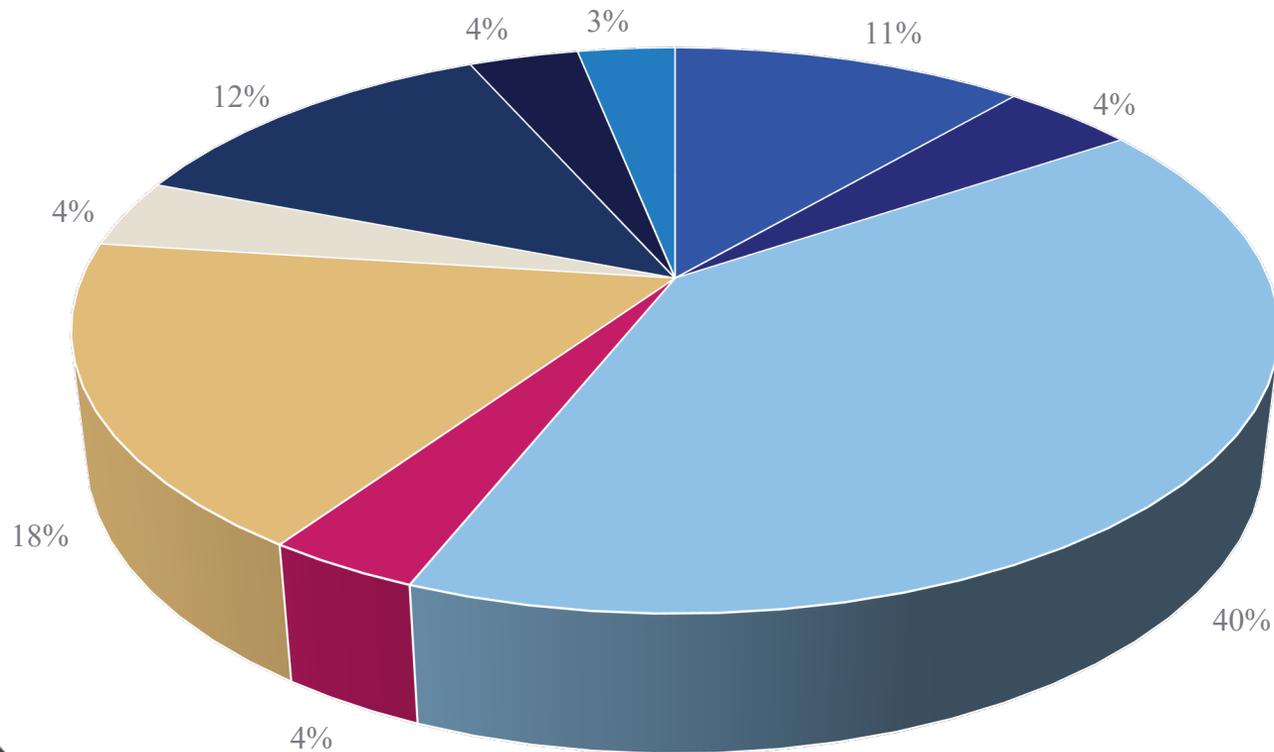
Citation Statistics by Academic Year (2018-2024)

Citation Statistics by Academic Year

Specialty: Orthopaedic surgery
United States

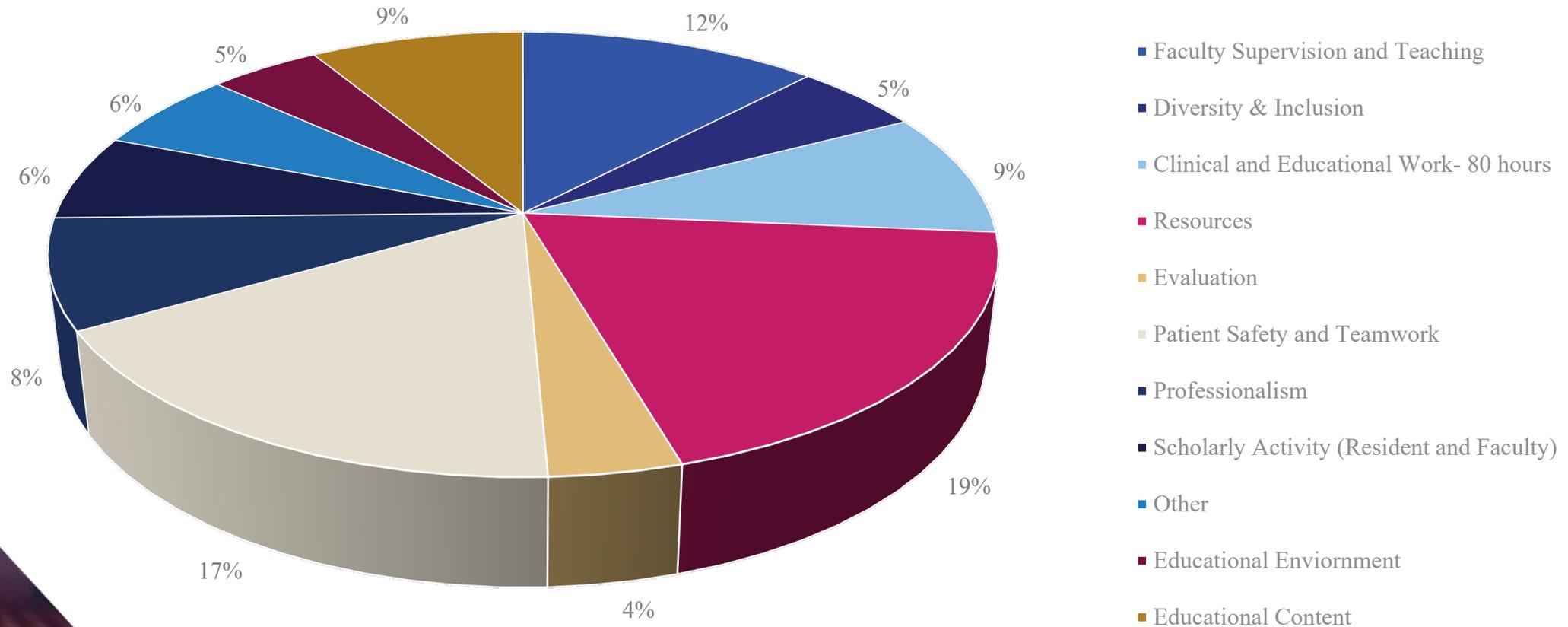


AY 2023-2024 Citations for Core (N= 259)



- Education Program 11%
- Education Program - Procedural Experience 4%
- Education Program - Learning Environment 40%
- Education Program - Scholarly Activities 3%
- Program Personnel 17%
- Resources 4%
- Evaluation 12%
- Evaluation - Board Exams 3%
- Institutional Support 3%

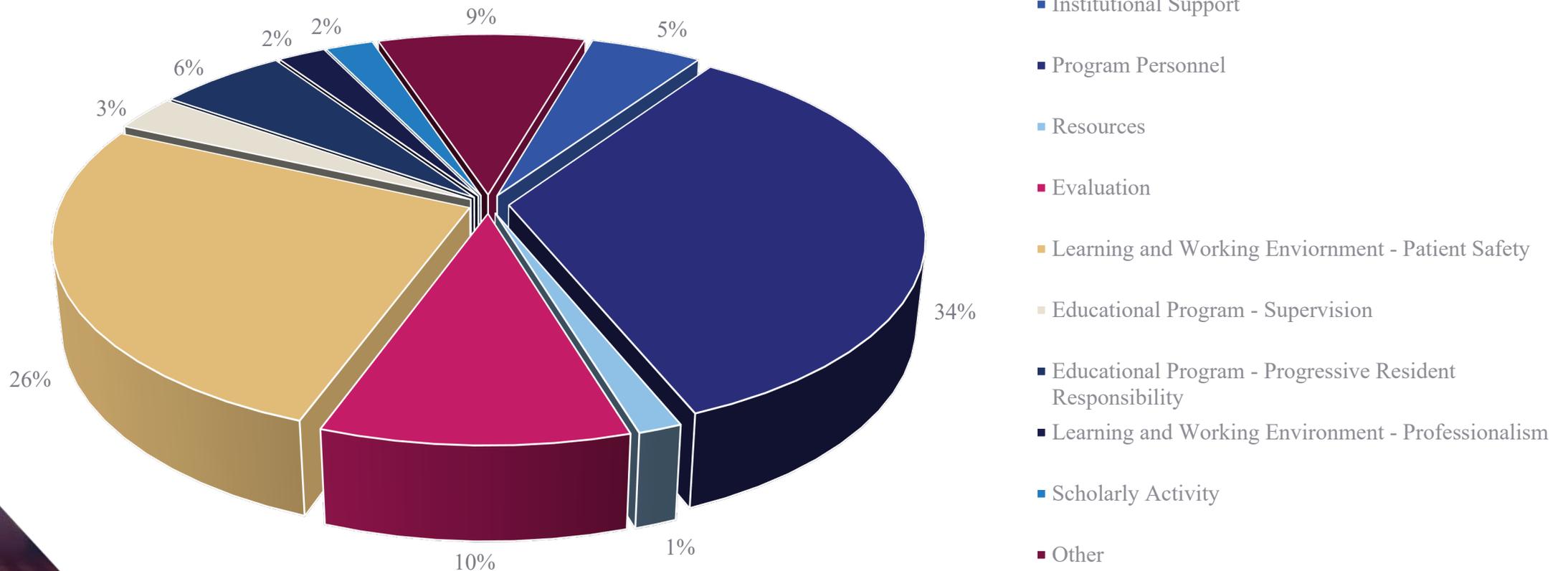
AY 2023-2024 Areas for Improvement (AFIs) for Core (N= 295)





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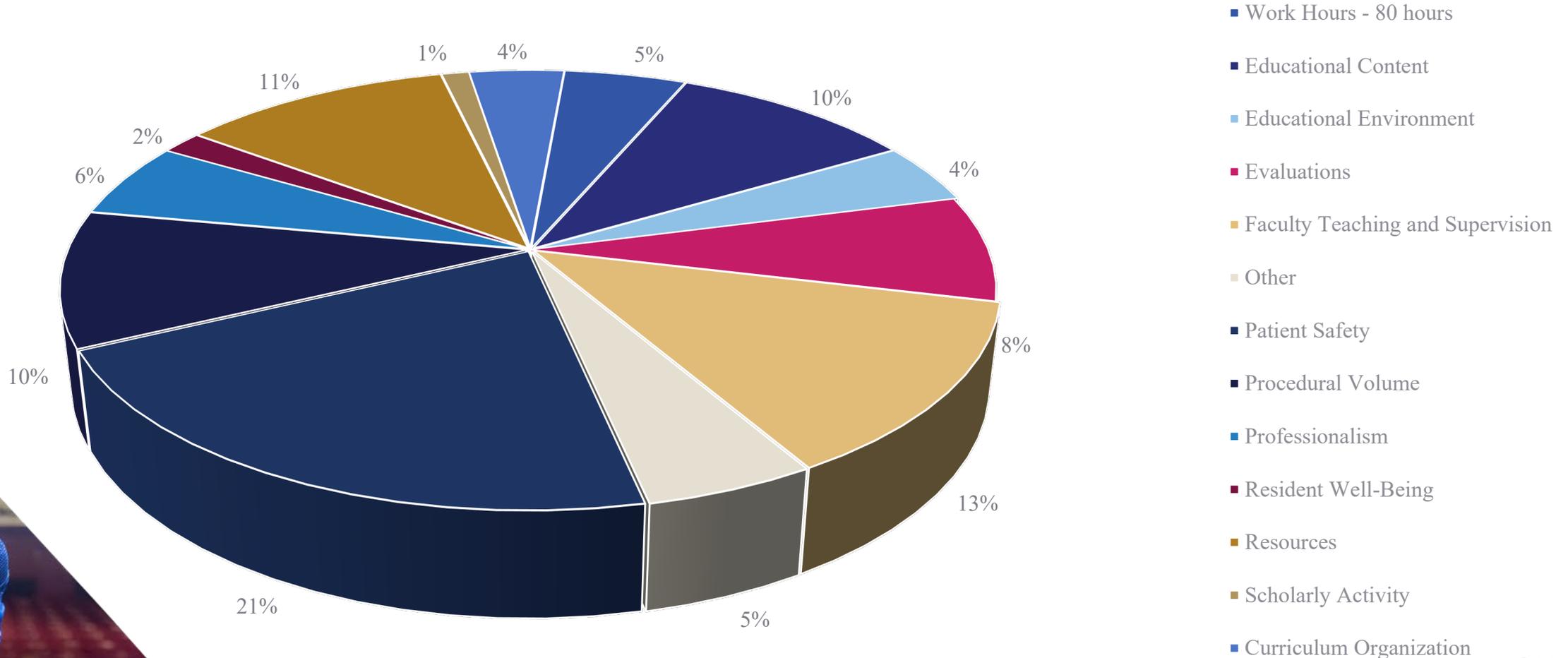
AY 2023-2024 Citations for Fellowships (N=138)





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AY 2023-2024 AFIs for Fellowships (N= 179)

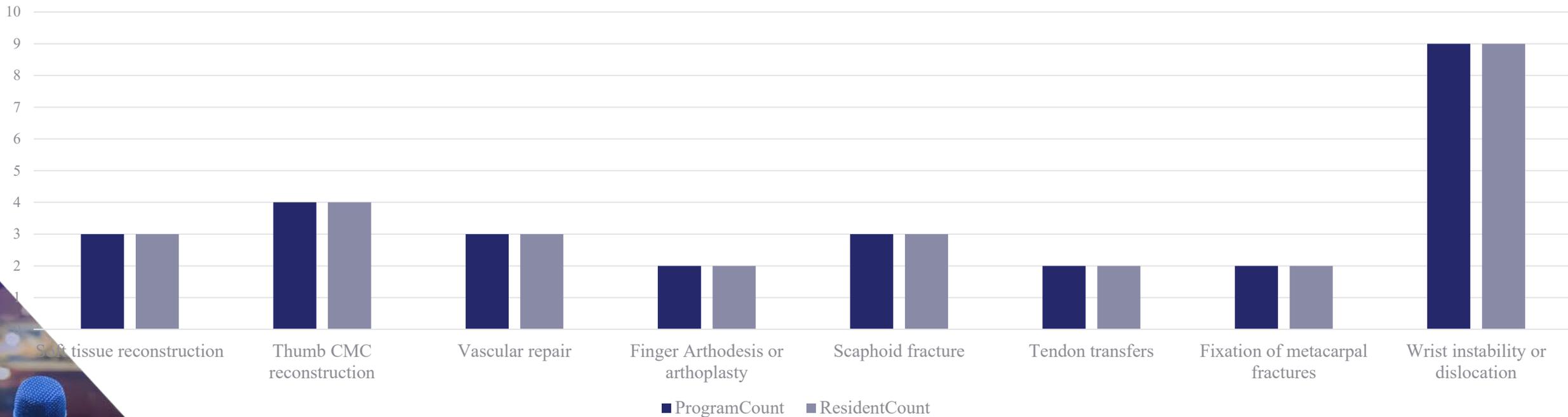


Procedural Logs and Board Pass Rate

2024 Annual Program Review – Procedure Minimum Fails

2023-2024 Case Log Report	# Programs	# Minimums Fail
Core Orthopaedic Surgery	199	4
Hand Surgery	73	11
Musculoskeletal Oncology	12	2

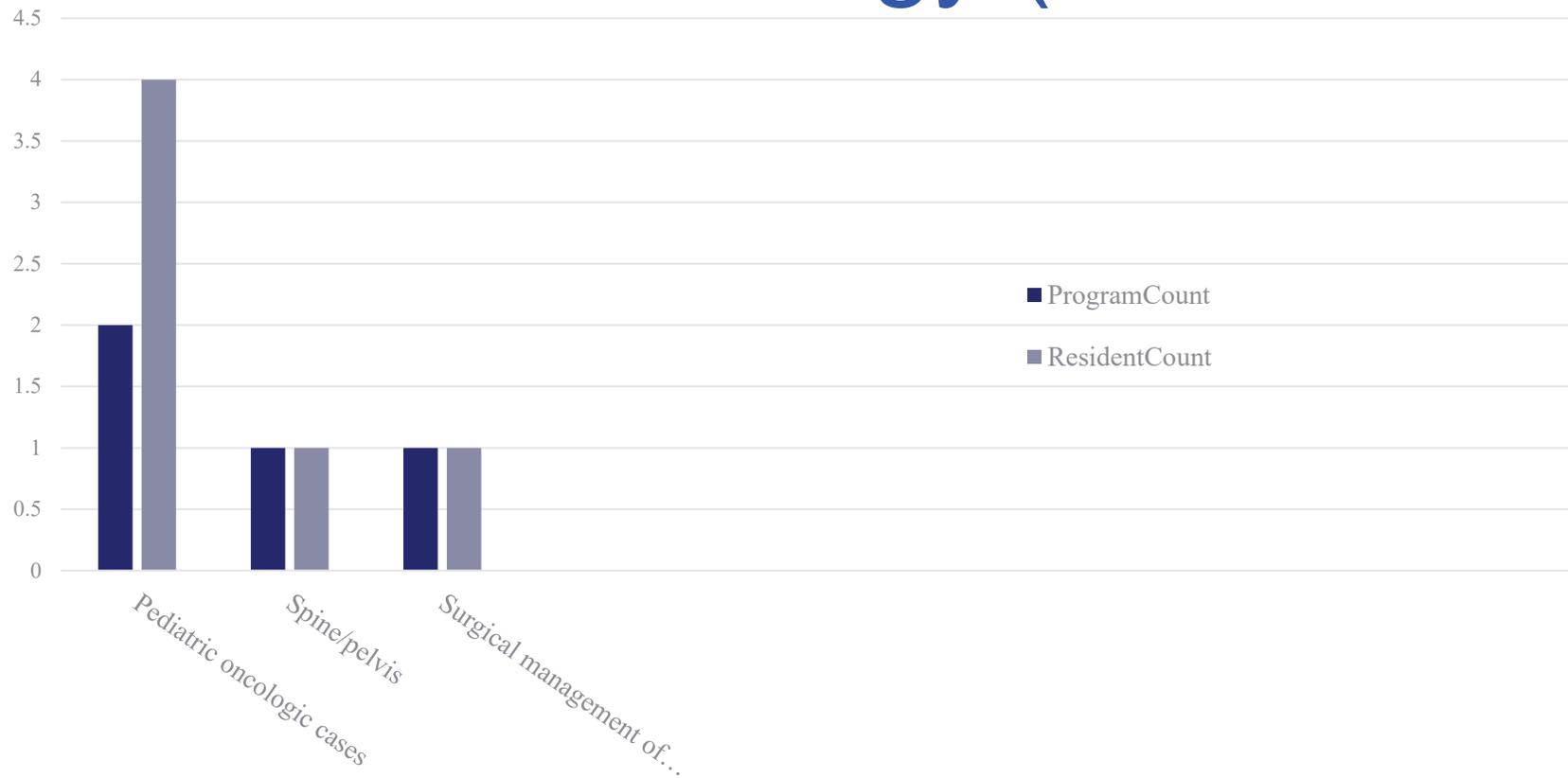
Minimums Fail by Procedure – Hand Surgery (AY23 – 24)



Procedural Logs – Hand Surgery

Effective as of February 17, 2025, and retroactive for the fellowship academic year 2024-2025, Hand Surgery case log counting for orthopaedic surgery and plastic surgery will be by procedures, which will count multiple procedures performed during a single case.

Minimums Fail by Procedure – Musculoskeletal Oncology (AY 23 – 24)



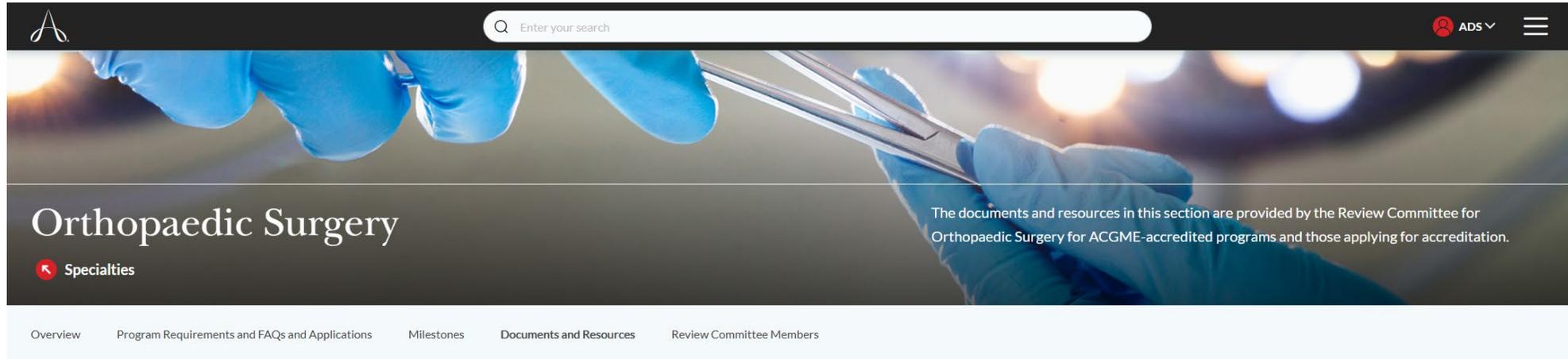
2024 Annual Program Review

Board Pass Rate

- First-time takers *only* during the most recent *three* years reported by American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) to the ACGME
 - Bottom fifth percentile nationally for the specialty *AND*
 - Subject to citation if <80% pass rate
- Written fifth percentile:
2022-2024 = 91.67%
4 programs failed
- Oral fifth percentile:
2022-2024 = 75%
11 programs failed

Review Committee Updates

Updated Specialty Webpage



The screenshot shows the top section of the Orthopaedic Surgery webpage. It features a dark navigation bar with the ACGME logo on the left, a search bar in the center, and a user profile icon labeled 'ADS' on the right. Below the navigation bar is a large hero image of hands in blue gloves using surgical instruments. The main heading 'Orthopaedic Surgery' is displayed in a large, white serif font. A sub-heading 'Specialties' is shown with a red arrow icon. A paragraph of text explains that the documents and resources are provided by the Review Committee for Orthopaedic Surgery for ACGME-accredited programs and those applying for accreditation. A horizontal menu below the hero image lists: Overview, Program Requirements and FAQs and Applications, Milestones, Documents and Resources, and Review Committee Members.

Documents

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 [Block Diagram Information](#)

 [Case Log Information](#)

 [International Rotation Guidelines](#)

 [Participating Site Change Guidelines](#)

 [Requests for Changes in Fellow Complement](#)

 [Requests for Changes in Resident Complement](#)

Case Minimum Series

Orthopaedic Surgery

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 [Case Minimum Changes: Part 2](#)

 [Case Minimum Changes: Part 3](#)

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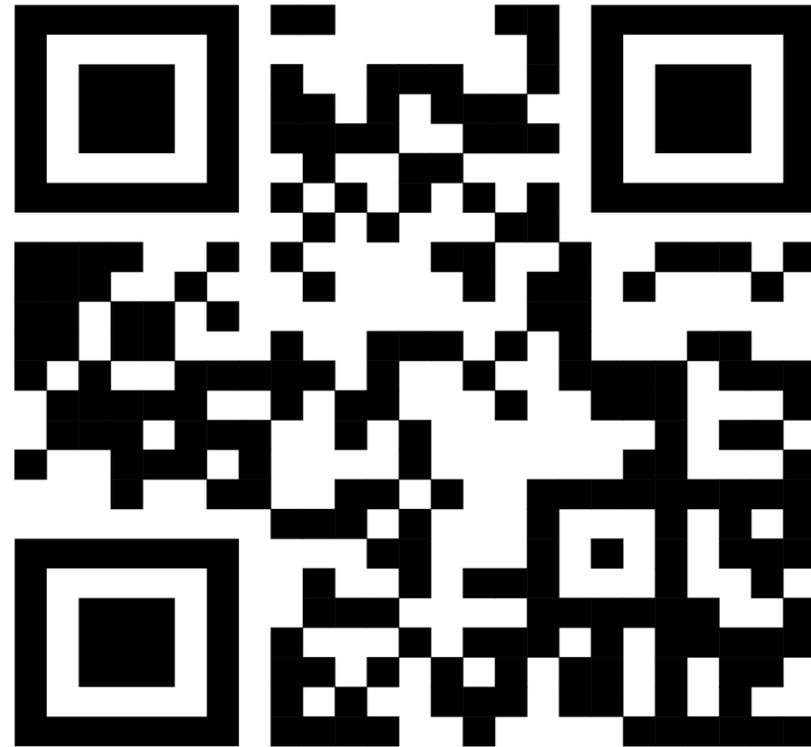
 [Case Log Minimums for Orthopaedic Surgery](#)

 [Case Log Statistical Reports](#)



New Procedural Log Minimums for Core Programs, FAQs, and Implementation

- [Case Log Minimums for Orthopaedic Surgery](#)
- [Case Minimum Changes: Part 4](#)
- [Case Minimum Changes: Part 5](#)



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Non-Accreditation Status Requests

Changes in Resident/Fellow Complement

- ❖ Committee approves increases in resident/fellow complement total
- ❖ Requests must be submitted via ADS with designated institutional official (DIO) approval.
- ❖ Timing:
 - ❖ Permanent complement increase requests are reviewed at scheduled Review Committee meetings only.
 - ❖ Temporary complement increase requests are reviewed with other interim requests monthly.
 - ❖ See [guidelines](#).



ACGME Program Accreditation Site Visit Update 2025

Background

Previously, all programs with a status of Continued Accreditation, Continued Accreditation with Warning, and Continued Accreditation without Outcomes received a Self-Study date and a 10-Year Accreditation Site Visit date. The review of the program Self-Study was incorporated into the 10-Year Accreditation Site Visit process.

- Between March 2020 and October 2023, program Self-Studies and 10-year Accreditation Site Visits were postponed and delinked.
- Effective October 2023:
 - The ACGME discontinued 10-Year Accreditation Site Visits for programs.
 - The program Self-Study will continue to be a program requirement (V.C.2.) but it will no longer be linked or reviewed during a site visit.
 - All program Self-Study and 10-Year Accreditation Site Visit dates in ADS were removed in the fall of 2023.



Updated Model for Site Visits for Programs on Continued Accreditation Statuses

- The ACGME has developed an updated sustainable model for improvement and assurance for its more than 11,000 accredited programs on Continued Accreditation statuses.
- In 2024, the ACGME conducted site visits for 149 programs on Continued Accreditation that have not had a site visit in approximately nine years or more. These site visits were identified through a sampling process and will support the ACGME's assurance responsibility to the public.
- For 2025, ACGME chose 200 programs for these randomly selected site visits and notifications were sent out in November with future approximate site visit target dates ranging from April to October 2025.
- For these programs, Field Activities initiates the scheduling process by requesting site visit blackout dates.
- Separately, Review Committees may request site visits for programs on Continued Accreditation statuses at their discretion after the annual review of data or in response to a complaint.

The Program Self-Study

- The ACGME encourages programs to incorporate a self-study into the Annual Program Evaluation process and track ongoing progress and program improvements as outlined in the **Common Program Requirements** (V.C.2).
- For questions regarding Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) oversight (**Institutional Requirements** I.B.4.a).(4)) relating to the program Self-Study, please contact Institutional Review Committee staff (irc@acgme.org).

Other Related Updates/Questions

- Institutional Self-Studies and 10-Year Accreditation Site Visits will proceed according to the **Institutional Review Committee's current process**.
- Programs with Osteopathic Recognition will have a 10-Year Recognition Site Visit, without completion of a Self-Study
- Questions can be directed to accreditation@acgme.org.
- **Site Visit FAQs** are located on the ACGME website.



ACGME Resources

Mental Health and Well-Being During Transitions

Studies indicate that the transition from medical school to residency is particularly difficult

- This new resource aims to help ease that transition
- Easy-to-implement systems- and individual-oriented strategies
- Designed to help Sponsoring Institutions and programs support first-year residents
- Access the resource from “Well-Being” on the home page of [Learn at ACGME](#)



Available Now

ACGME Self-Empowerment Workshop for Coordinators

Be on the lookout (ACGME e-Communications post)

Focus

- acting as a **leader** in the coordinator role
- recognizing effective **networking** practices
- overcoming challenges to **professionalism**
- distinguishing between productive and unproductive strategies for promoting your **achievements**
- effectively navigating complex **interpersonal situations**





Available Now

ACGME Program Coordinator Handbook Companion

Focus

- developing a comprehensive understanding of the coordinator role
- expanding knowledge of **accreditation processes** and **requirements to ensure compliance**
- improving skills to **support recruitment, orientation, and onboarding**, and other relevant tasks
- selecting appropriate **professional development** and **conti**





Available Now

ACGME Language Equity in Health Care Toolkit

Focus

- defining **language equity** and describing the evidence linking the lack of language-appropriate care to health disparities, cost, and dissatisfaction
- reviewing **legal requirements** for providing language-appropriate health care services
- outlining a step-by-step approach to **collaborating with a qualified medical interpreter** for patient-centered care





Coming Soon

ACGME Coordinator's Guide to Effective Abstract Writing

Focus

- outlining the **structure of an abstract**;
- assessing abstracts for their **adherence to accepted standards** and overall effectiveness;
- discussing **issues that arise** when writing an abstract and developing **strategies to overcome them**;
- exploring available resources and identifying those that are still needed to support abstract writing; and,
- applying information about proper abstract structure and content to **compose a sample abstract.**



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