Transition of American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG) Laboratory Fellowships to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)

Overview
The ABMGG is in the process of transferring the accreditation responsibility of its laboratory fellowships in laboratory genetics and genomics and clinical biochemical genetics to the ACGME. The method by which this transfer will occur is outlined below. Each individual program must go through the application process for ACGME accreditation. Programs should contact Review Committee staff members at the ACGME with questions about the application process, timelines for review of applications, and any other questions about the transition.

How will the process work?
There are three parts to the application process:

1. Common Application (Part I)
   - An application must be initiated in the ACGME’s Accreditation Data System (ADS) by the designated institutional official (DIO)
   - The DIO and program director must complete the application together
   - The application will include questions related to the general structure of the fellowship program and the learning environment

2. Specialty-Specific Application (Part II)
   - This portion contains questions related to the specialty educational content of the fellowship program
   - This will be a Word document that must be filled out and uploaded into ADS prior to submission of the application

3. Document Uploads (Part III)
   - This portion refers to requested documentation and policies from the program
   - This includes (but is not limited to) program policies and procedures, evaluation forms, and a block diagram

Will a site visit be needed?
A site visit WILL NOT be performed by the ACGME if the fellowship program is in good standing with the ABMGG and has a status of Continued Accreditation.

A site visit WILL be performed if the ABMGG-accredited fellowship program has a probationary status, or if the program is not currently accredited by the ABMGG.

A site visit will be performed approximately two years after Initial Accreditation is granted by the ACGME.

When is the transfer/process complete?
All ABMGG-accredited programs are expected to have applied for or achieved ACGME accreditation by December 30, 2020. The ACGME and ABMGG will work closely together to ensure a smooth transition for all programs.