

The ACCM Board undertook a major review of the ACCM *Standards of Accreditation for Schools of Medicine* in 2020 to ensure comparability with LCME and NCFMEA requirements. These revised Standards were circulated to all schools accredited by the ACCM in July 2020. After considerable discussion, the ACCM Board has now undertaken a further revision to those elements of Standard 9: *Student Promotion and Evaluation* that pertain to USMLE Step 1 and USMLE Steps 2 CK and CS. Proposed changes were adopted by ACCM at a Board Meeting in November 2020. The key points are that:

- ACCM already requires a common standard for the graduation of all medical students from the school, irrespective of future country of practice (9.5.1)
- Graduation from medical school should be based on multiple assessments over a period of time using a number of evaluation tools and not based on a single test.
- Step 1 is required for progression to clinical training if, in the opinion of the ACCM, the USA is the primary location of a school's core rotations (9.3.10)
- Alternative standardised examinations/OSCEs may be used and will be administered/overseen by an external agency/examiner (9.5.2)
- Those methods of assessment for graduation used by the school apply equally to all students in that school and are published in all information materials provided by the school (9.5.3)

The above revisions were approved by the ACCM Board in November 2020 and have been circulated to all schools. The changes are effective as of January 2021.