

This bulletin represents the 1st in a series of updates on topics related to the upcoming LCME visit. Comments, suggestions, or questions are more than welcome and can be forwarded to Col Pock at: Arnyce.pock@usuhs.edu.

LCME Visit Scheduled for 25-28 October 2015

Start your preparations now!

WHO:

The LCME is jointly sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association (AMA). The AAMC and the AMA each appoint an LCME Co-Secretary (known jointly as the Secretariat) and maintain accreditation offices in Washington, D.C. and Chicago, respectively.

Source: <http://www.lcme.org/about.htm>

WHAT:

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the authority for accrediting medical education *programs* leading to the award of a MD degree. The LCME accredits medical school programs in both the United States and Canada. It is not however, an *institutional* accrediting authority.

WHEN:

The USU School of Medicine is scheduled to undergo a LCME accreditation visit in [October 2015](#).

Preparations for this visit are already underway and include two key components:

First is the Data Collection phase, which involves completion of a comprehensive Data Collection Instrument (DCI), coupled with implementation of a Student Survey, involving current medical students in all four Classes.

Next, is the Self Study phase, which involves an in-depth, internal analysis of both the DCI related data as well as a student derived analysis of data collected via the Student Survey.



HOW:

A series of seven sub-committees will be established, each of which will be tasked with conducting an in-depth review, focusing on how well the University is fulfilling specific LCME standards. As the sub-committees complete their analyses, they will prepare a written report which will be submitted to the LCME as part of the overall, institutional Self Study.

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?

Any member of the School of Medicine who would like to assist in preparing for the LCME's visit, is welcome to do so! If interested, please contact Dr. Gilliland (295-9845) or Dr. Pock (295-9945) for more information.

WHERE:

The LCME accreditation visit will take place on the USU campus.

VISIT DETAILS: Accreditation visits typically take place over a three-day period and involve a team of five to six LCME team members.

LENGTH OF ACCREDITATION:

LCME accreditation is awarded for a maximum of eight years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on the LCME, please refer to their website at: <http://www.lcme.org/>



NEXT ISSUE: In our next bulletin we'll present an overview of the standards associated with the accreditation of a U.S. (or Canadian) Medical School along with a listing of the committees that will be involved in accomplishing the USU Self Study.