

News from the ACGME: Case Minimum Changes

Part 5: Timeline for Implementation of New Orthopaedic Surgery Case Minimums January 2025

Further clarification has been requested regarding the timeline for implementation of the new ACGME orthopaedic surgery case minimums. The previous orthopaedic surgery case minimums were established in 2014, and the new orthopaedic surgery case minimums were [established](#) and [announced](#) in 2024.

The timeline for implementation of the new case minimums is as follows:

- **June 30, 2024:** Graduating residents finalized their residency case lists, which will be evaluated using the 2014 case minimums.
- **January 2025:** The Review Committee for Orthopaedic Surgery meets to review and accredit programs with **2024** graduating senior case lists. Previous 2014 case minimums are still in effect.
- **June 30, 2025:** Graduating residents finalize their residency case lists, which will be evaluated using the new case minimums.
- **July 1, 2025: New orthopaedic surgery case minimums go into effect.**
- **January 2026:** The Review Committee meets to review and accredit programs with **2025** graduating resident case lists. New case minimum requirements are used to provide *informational feedback only* to programs to identify deficiencies. *No citations or Areas for Improvement (AFIs) will be issued.*
- **June 30, 2026:** Graduating residents finalize their residency case lists.
- **January 2027:** The Review Committee meets to review and accredit programs with **2026** graduating resident case lists. New case minimum requirements are used to provide feedback to programs. *AFIs will be issued for deficiencies.*
- **June 30, 2027:** Graduating residents finalize their residency case lists.
- **January 2028 and Thereafter:** The Review Committee accredits programs using graduating resident case lists from the previous June. New case minimum requirements will be used for citations and AFIs.

Although this seems like a lengthy process, programs need time to identify and make possible rotation changes to make sure that all of their graduating residents meet the new orthopaedic surgery case minimum requirements. The Review Committee for Orthopaedic Surgery thanks you for your engagement during this time of transition.

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