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Keck residency programs receive five-year institutional reaccreditation

The Keck School of Medicine/Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center residency programs received national recognition to continue their operations at the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited status and five-year reaccreditation. The program was awarded the highest possible reaccreditation status by the ACGME.

The accreditation period began in July 2010 when the Keck School of Medicine/Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center submitted a comprehensive, self-assessment report to the ACGME. The report included an analysis of the programs’ educational performance over the past three years, an evaluation of program effectiveness, and a comparison of program performance with national benchmarks.

The accreditation process, which is conducted every five years, consists of a site visit and a review of program data. The site visit is conducted by a team of experts from the ACGME, who evaluate the programs’ educational performance, curriculum, faculty, and staff. The site visit is followed by a review of the program’s self-assessment report and a final decision by the ACGME.

The Keck School of Medicine/Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center is one of the few medical schools in the country to have received reaccreditation status for all of its residency programs. This achievement reflects the school’s commitment to providing high-quality medical education and training for its residents.

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Looking back three years ago, you anticipated great transformation on campus. What are the most significant changes since you came to USC?

CP: Acquisition of our new hospital to house USC’s academic medical center, integration of all of the community hospitals into our academic program, and the recruitment of more than 100 associate institute directors, department chairs and division leaders from top institutions. Today, Keck School of Medicine. When I arrived in November of 2007, there were about 650 people … today we are about 1800, three percent, hospital place.

Has there been any level of overlap with prior leaders and new research funding? What is the significance in the rice to the Keck School?

CP: Right now we have about $227 million in sponsored research grants and our sponsored research funding has gone up by about 25 percent in the last two years; while we are at a greater level than we thought we would be when we started seven years ago. We have used that as our basis and in the last three years, which puts us at a greater level than our peer institutions as reflected in the U.S. News & World Report rankings. We have some outstanding laboratory space in three of our buildings, including the Harlyne Norris Research Tower—but we need additional standard dry lab space near wet lab facilities.

What else is on your mind as you look ahead to the new year?

CP: The key to our next mission is to answer the question that the LCME has been asking us for the last three years, which is 100 percent compliance with the ACGME requirements. At the end of this year, we will have a self-study we can use to improve our program, and we are really excited to be the first institution to do this. We are really excited to get feedback from the LCME on how we are doing, and we are going to learn from our mistakes and start over where we need to improve. We have had some experience with the Keck School self-study in the past, and we know that the process is going to be challenging, but we are ready to start.

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One of your accomplishments has been the full eight-year accreditation from the LCME. How do you attribute that achievement?

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What will be your priorities moving forward?

CP: Our top priority is to ensure that the Keck School is a leader in medical education, and we are committed to doing everything we can to achieve this goal. Our second priority is to ensure that our sponsored research funding goes up by about 25 percent in the next three years.

Looking ahead, what is your hope for the future of the Keck School?

CP: Our hope is that the Keck School will continue to be a leader in medical education, and we are committed to doing everything we can to achieve this goal, including addressing concerns that the LCME has identified.
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Dealing with a lingering medical condition that left him blind in one eye, fourth-year medical student Ryan O’Shea recounted the custom surfboard design he was able to pull off after suffering a brain injury that left him blind in one eye.

O’Shea, a student at the Keck School of Medicine, said he was able to pull off the design after leaving the hospital in only 12 days for fear of missing surf sessions in his hometown of Palm Desert, Calif., and that he could still be a doctor or surgeon and eventually get his question answered for student scholarships at the Keck School, where the average debt for student scholarships at the Keck School, where the average debt

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The Keck School of Medicine of USC and the leadership of President Nikias with a gift of $50 million for the inception of an interdisciplinary research institute that will bring together the best researchers, clinicians and scientists to battle cancer.

The facility will build the USC Ming Hsieh Institute for Research on Engineering Medicine for Cancer. "This institute will accelerate the pace of getting new medicines from the lab to the cancer patients," Hsieh continued. "It will bridge the disciplines and bridge the continuum between the USC School of Engineering and the USC School of Medicine."

"On this day of celebration," Hsieh said, "I announce my support of the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center following the most successful fundraising event in the cancer center's history."

A Gamma Cancer care donor $50 million gift in support of USC Norris and the new USC Cancer Center in the Medical Fowler and Donahue Donovan Cancer Center held Sept. at the Henry B. Hound Plan and Ed. Res. Center. The gift will help the cancer center to bring together..."