



Commission on Dental Accreditation

February 19, 2016

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Re: Advanced General Dentistry Education Program in Dental Anesthesiology

Dear Mr. Innocenti:

At its February 4, 2016 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) considered the site visit report on the advanced general dentistry education program in dental anesthesiology sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and School of Dental Medicine, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On the basis of this review, the Commission adopted a resolution to grant the program the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements." The definitions of accreditation classifications are enclosed. No additional information is requested from the program at this time. The next site visit for the program is scheduled for **2022**.

The findings of the Commission on Dental Accreditation are noted in the enclosed Commission-approved site visit report. Oral comments made by site visit team members during the course of the site visit are not to be construed as official site visit findings unless documented within the site visit report and may not be publicized. Further, publication of site visit team members' names and/or contact information is prohibited.

One copy of this report and the related enclosures have also been sent to the chief administrative officer and program director copied on this letter. The Commission requests that a copy of this report and the related enclosures be forwarded to the chairpersons and appropriate faculty.

In taking this action, the Commission stipulated that it will expect the institution to keep the Commission informed as soon as possible of anticipated changes in any approved educational program offered, particularly in the areas of administration, enrollment, faculty, facilities and curriculum. The Commission's policy and guidelines for reporting program changes are enclosed.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation monitors increases in enrollment for postdoctoral general dentistry education programs. The purpose for monitoring increases in enrollment through review of existing and projected program resources (faculty, patient availability, and variety of procedures, physical/clinical facilities, and allied support

increase. An increase in enrollment must be reported to the Commission prior to its implementation. Depending on the significance of the increase, the enrollment increase may require Commission approval prior to implementation; alternately, the increase may be approved for review at the time of the next site visit. Failure to comply with the policy will jeopardize the program's accreditation status. Commission guidelines for reporting increases in enrollment in postdoctoral general dentistry education programs are available upon request from the Commission office.

*Note: The program's documentation for CODA (self-study, application, or reports to CODA, for example) must NOT contain any sensitive personally identifiable information ("Sensitive Information" or "PII") as outlined in "Privacy and Data Security Requirements for Institutions" (see below). Similarly, such documentation must not contain any identifiable patient information ("PHI"); therefore, no "patient identifiers" may be included (see below). This applies whether or not the program is required to comply with HIPAA.*

*Before sending documents such as self-studies or faculty CVs to CODA, institutions must fully and appropriately redact all PI] and all PI/all patient identifiers such that the PI/ and patient identifiers cannot be read or otherwise reconstructed. Covering information with ink is not an appropriate means of redaction.*

*If the program/institution submits documentation that does not comply with the directives on PHI and PI/ (noted above), CODA will assess a penalty fee of \$1000 to the institution; a resubmission that continues to contain PHI or PI/ will be assessed an additional \$1000 fee.*

The Commission has authorized use of the following statement by institutions or programs that wish to announce their programmatic accreditation by the Commission. Programs that wish to advertise the specific programmatic accreditation status granted by the Commission may include that information as indicated in italics below (see text inside square brackets); that portion of the statement is optional but, if used, must be complete and current.

The program in advanced general dentistry education in dental anesthesiology is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation [*and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"*]. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's web address is: <http://www.ada.org/en/coda>.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the postdoctoral program in advanced general dentistry in dental anesthesiology. However, this education area is not one of the American Dental Association recognized dental specialty areas. Therefore, dentists graduating from this program cannot announce that they are specialists, as recognized by the American Dental Association.

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The Commission wishes to thank you and the faculty and staff for their cooperation during the site visit. If this office can be of any assistance to you or members of your staff, please contact me at 1-800-621-8099, extension 2788 or by e-mail at [soeldnerp@ada.org](mailto:soeldnerp@ada.org).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: CODA Accreditation Status Definitions  
Formal Report of the Site Visit  
Reporting Program Changes in Accredited Programs  
Electronic Submission Guidelines for General Correspondence

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