Using the Program Evaluation Committee to Meet Maintenance of Certification Part IV Requirements for Faculty

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Project Background
To create efficiencies, we used the program evaluation committee (PEC) to help physician faculty meet Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV requirements for performance in medical practice (PIP). The PEC is an ACGME required committee tasked with systematically evaluating the clinical curriculum at least annually, with the goal of continued program improvement. This ensures the continued competency of residents, safety of patients, and quality of care provided.

The PEC evaluation includes certain items that can be used by physician faculty to meet MOC Part IV requirements as approved by our University, which is an approved sponsor of the ABMS Multispeciality MOC Portfolio Program to provide MOC credit for PIP.

Objectives
1. Operationalize the Program Evaluation Committee (PEC) into a vehicle for faculty to meet MOC Part IV requirements for performance in medical practice.
2. Use the PEC to evaluate clinical training, implement an improvement plan, and re-evaluate results at regular increments.
3. Understand the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) requirements for Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV, performance in medical practice (PIP).
4. Understand the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requirements for the Program Evaluation Committee (PEC).

Outcome
Our institution approved the PEC process as meeting the MOC Part IV requirements for performance in medical practice, which creates efficiencies for faculty while maintaining an environment for continued review of practice and quality improvement.

Methodology
We identified five elements of the annual program review to be the focus of our continuous quality improvement. They were revised into measures with baseline and target performance metrics. For each measure we defined improvement interventions and timelines for implementation and re-measurement. It is possible to use other tasks of the PEC meet MOC requirements.

Example PEC Tasks that Can be Used for MOC Part IV Credit
- Resident evaluation of faculty including faculty knowledge, teaching ability and professionalism
- Resident evaluation of the program including resources and patient safety
- Evaluation of processes related to patient safety including patient handoff, resident and faculty burnout, and documentation
- Evaluation of clinical experiences, service lines, and clinical practice as they pertain to the residency program
- Evaluation of PRITE scores

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