Continuous Quality Improvement for the Program Leading to the MD Degree

Date: February 4, 2020  Number: 4.400  Status: Final

Contact Office:
Office of Educational Affairs
PO Box 800005
Charlottesville, VA 22908-0005
Phone: 434-243-2522

Oversight Executive:
Senior Associate Dean for Education
PO Box 800005
Charlottesville, VA 22908-0005
Phone: 434-243-2522

Applies to:
School of Medicine (SOM) faculty, staff, students, and others teaching or learning within the program leading to the MD degree at the School of Medicine.

Reason for this policy:
The University of Virginia School of Medicine’s core education mission is to train physicians and physician scientists to help people achieve healthy, productive lives and to advance knowledge in the medical sciences. The school is committed to ongoing improvement of programmatic quality to fulfill our institutional value of excellence and to fulfill accreditation requirements established by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

Policy Statement:
Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) processes are utilized to monitor short- and long-term programmatic goals and to ensure their alignment with the SOM strategic planning; to develop and achieve measurable outcomes to improve programmatic quality; and to ensure effective monitoring of the medical education program’s compliance with accreditation standards.

The School of Medicine has an established procedure and an established oversight group to engage strategically and routinely in CQI processes. The oversight group charged with this responsibility is the CQI Steering Committee, and is delineated as a standing committee in the SOM Bylaws. The dean designates appointments to the committee, which typically are ex-officio in nature and drawn from the education leadership who have oversight of the resources and personnel necessary to implement identified CQI changes.

Revision history: Implemented February 4, 2020

Approved 2/4/2020 by
David S. Wilkes, MD
Dean