

Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to announce the publication of The Dermatology Milestone Project in the March 2014 supplement issue of *J Grad Med Educ March 2014:544-70*. Below are links to the following documents:

- The Dermatology Milestone Project (process)
 - <http://www.igme.org/doi/pdf/10.4300/JGME-06-01s1-04>
- The Dermatology Milestone Document
 - <http://www.igme.org/doi/pdf/10.4300/JGME-06-01s1-03>
- An article on starting a Clinical Competency Committee
 - <http://www.igme.org/doi/pdf/10.4300/JGME-D-13-00444.1>

The first article describes the 3-year chronology of how the dermatology milestones were developed and the general features and envisioned use of the milestones. This was a long journey that began with the Milestone Ad Hoc Committee that I chaired at the 2010 APD Annual Meeting and that has concluded with the creation of the implementation version of the dermatology milestones.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of each member of the Dermatology Milestone Working Group [George Turiansky (Chair), Anna Bruckner, Roy Colven, Marsha Henderson, Antoinette Hood, Amy Paller, Jack Resneck Jr., Randall Roenigk, Julie Schaffer, Erik Stratman, R. Stan Taylor, Eileen Anthony, Steven Nestler] and extend a special thanks to George and Steve for their leadership and wisdom in guiding our committee through this process.

On a more practical note, all training programs will be required to begin implementation of the Milestones this July, with the first report of data to the ACGME in December. If you do not already have a Clinical Competency Committee (CCC), now is a good time to form one. In the same issue of the *J Grad Med Educ*, there are specific instructions on starting a CCC (link above). Having a dermatopathologist, dermatologic surgeon and pediatric dermatologist on the CCC will make it easier to assess those specific competencies. As noted in the first article, at the 2013 APD meeting, Dr. Erik Stratman chaired an ad hoc committee to create assessment tools designed to feed directly into specific milestone subcompetencies. Many of these tools are mini Clinical Evaluation Exercises (mini-CEXs) that emphasize direct observation of resident performance followed by 3-5 minutes for feedback. These assessment tools are available to APD members only at <http://www.dermatologyprofessors.org/>

For more on the development of assessment tools be sure to attend the APD Annual Meeting on Sep 12-13, 2014 at the Swissotel in Chicago for Dr. Stratman's session entitled, "More on Milestone Assessment Tools: New Tools, New Adaptations, and Your Feedback One Year Later."

Sincerely,

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