# Guide to Locating
Specialty-Specific Accreditation Resources

This guide is designed to help navigate the ACGME website to locate specialty-specific accreditation resources. Questions about specific materials should be directed to Review Committee staff members for the pertinent specialty.
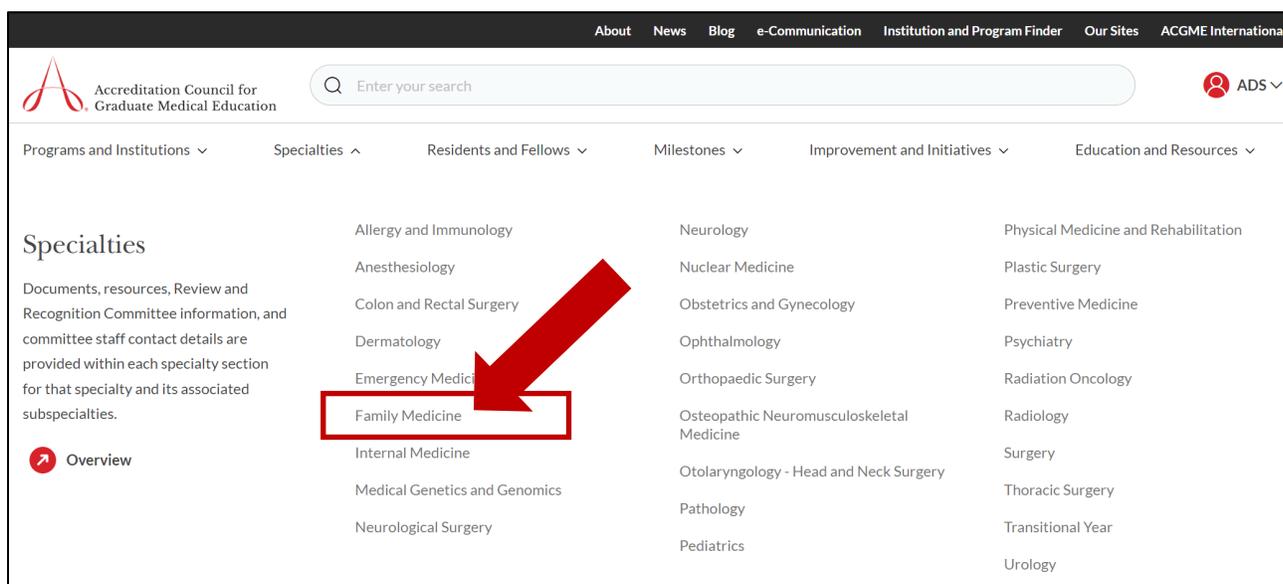
Locating the Specialty Section of the Website

Specialty-specific accreditation resources are available on each specialty's section of the ACGME website. Each specialty accredited by the ACGME is overseen by a Review Committee. All subspecialties (fellowships) accredited by the ACGME are overseen by the same Review Committee as their associated specialty.

To locate the specialty section, go to www.acgme.org and hover over Specialties tab in the navigation bar.
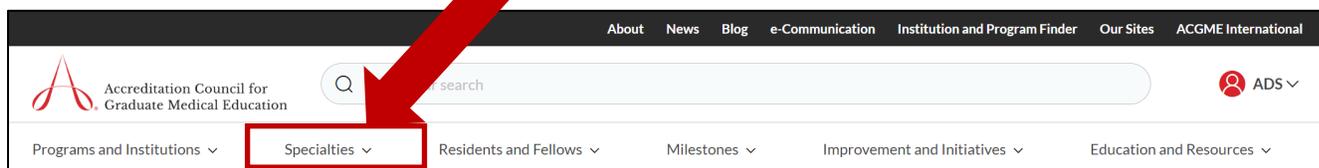
A menu displaying links to each specialty section will appear. Click the relevant specialty name to view its associated resources. *(This guide will use the Family Medicine section of the website as an example.)*

Specialty-specific accreditation resources can be found on the pages within the specialty section of the website.
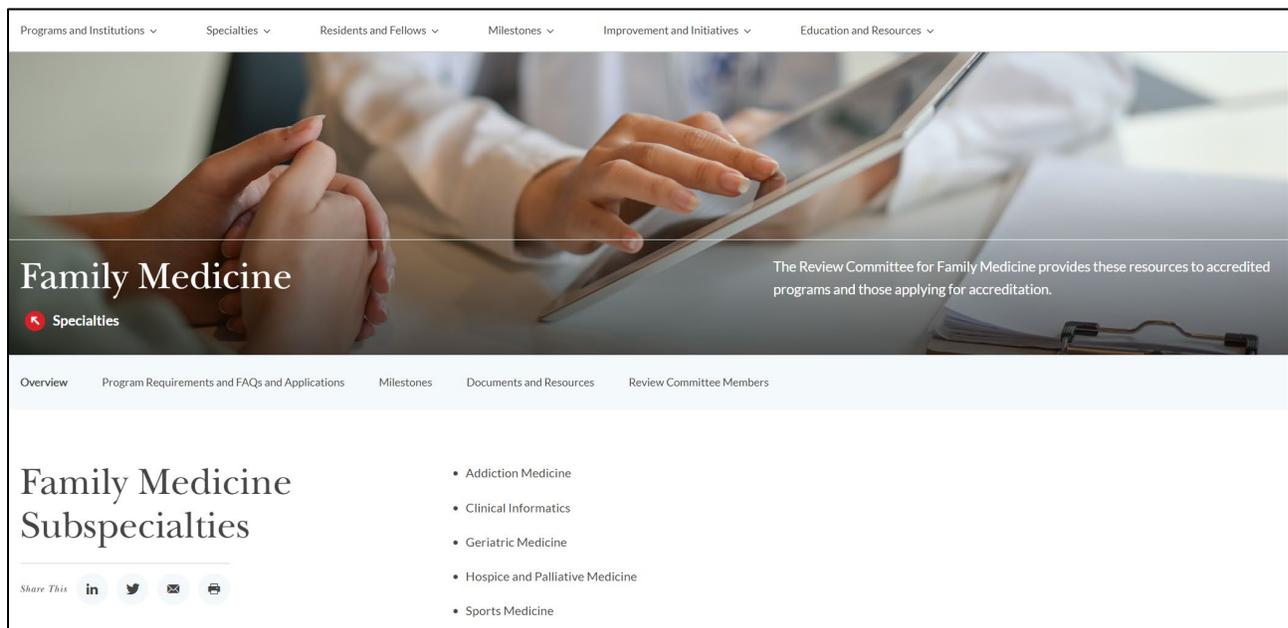
Specialties (residency) and Subspecialties (fellowships) Overseen by the Review Committee

Most Review Committees oversee only one specialty and several subspecialties; however, some Review Committees oversee more than one specialty. The specialties and subspecialties overseen by a particular Review Committee are identified at the top of the Overview page of the specialty section.
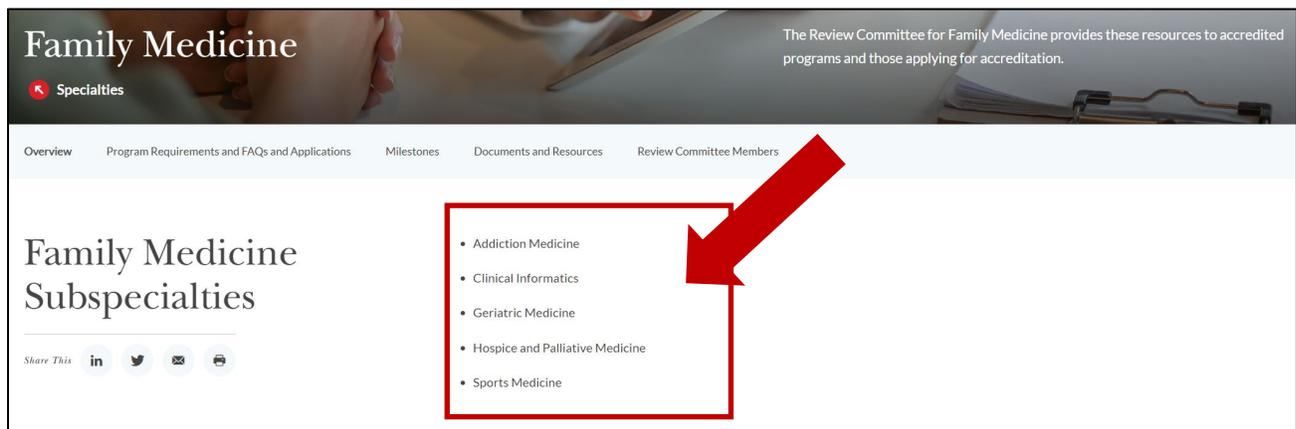
ACGME Staff Contact Information

The Review Committee staff members' names, email addresses, and phone numbers are provided on the Overview page as well. Any questions related to the specialty (residency) or an associated subspecialty (fellowship) should be directed to these individuals.

Review Committee Agenda Closing and Meeting Dates

Review Committees publish dates for their next two or three meetings on the specialty section of the website, including the closing date for each meeting's agenda. The agenda closing date is the date by which requests (e.g., complement change requests, program director change requests) must be submitted to be considered by the Review Committee at the associated meeting. If a program plans to submit a new application for accreditation, contact Review Committee staff members to confirm when an application would need to be submitted to be reviewed by the Review Committee at a specific meeting. If a program has a tight accreditation timeline, contact the Review Committee staff members well in advance of the application submission to discuss the review timeline.

The Review Committee agenda closing and meeting dates are located on the Overview page of specialty section below the Contact and Support information. Additional meeting dates are available by clicking the arrow to the right of the Review Committee meeting date.

## Program Requirements, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and Applications

The Program Requirements, associated FAQs, and application documents for each of a Review Committee's specialties and subspecialties are housed on this page.

To access these documents, click on "Program Requirements and FAQs and Applications" in the tabs across the top of the specialty section.
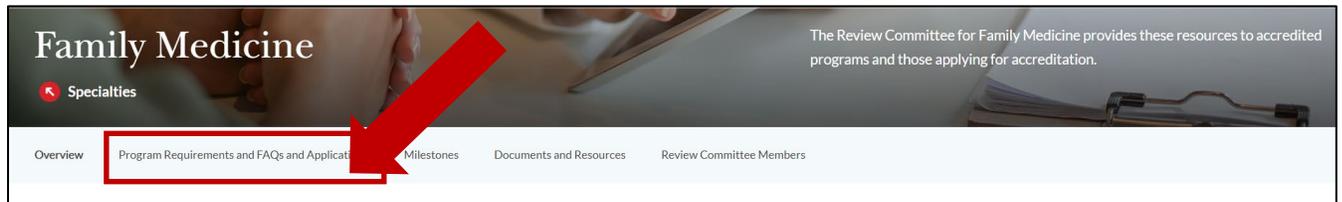
Program Requirements and FAQs

The Program Requirements and FAQs and Applications page is by specialty and subspecialty, with each having its own "card" (or box) that contains all applicable documents. The first documents in the box will be the specialty or subspecialty Program Requirements, and may include "currently in effect" and "future effective" versions. If a set of Program Requirements has been approved by the ACGME Board of Directors with a future effective date, they will be noted as such, with the effective date noted.
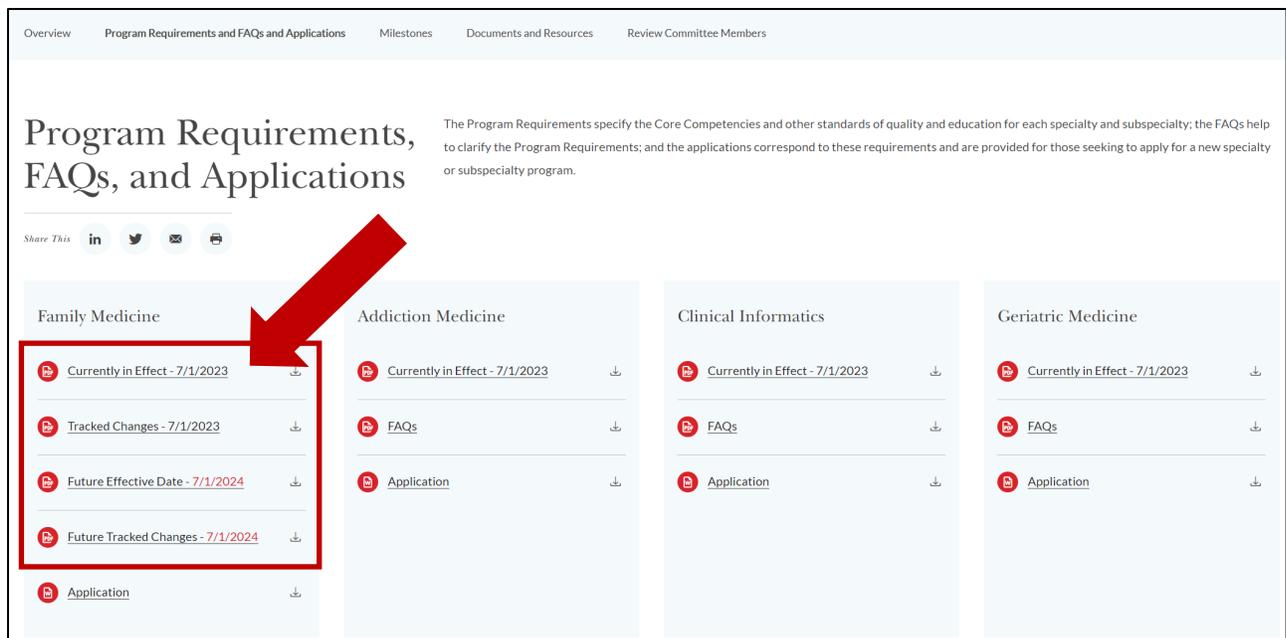
If the specialty or subspecialty has a corresponding FAQ document, it will be listed below the Program Requirements.

Application for Accreditation Documents

The specialty-specific application is the document labeled "Application" in each of the specialty and sub-specialty card on the Program Requirements, FAQs, and Applications page. The specialty-specific application is completed electronically (as a Word document), converted to a PDF, and then uploaded as an attachment into the ACGME's Accreditation Data System (ADS) as a part of the program accreditation application.

Milestones

The Milestones documents for each specialty and subspecialty overseen by a Review Committee can also be accessed through the specialty section of the website. The Milestones documents linked here are presented in the evaluation format, though the actual reporting of the Milestones is done within ADS.

To access these documents, click on "Milestones" in the tabs at the top of the specialty section.
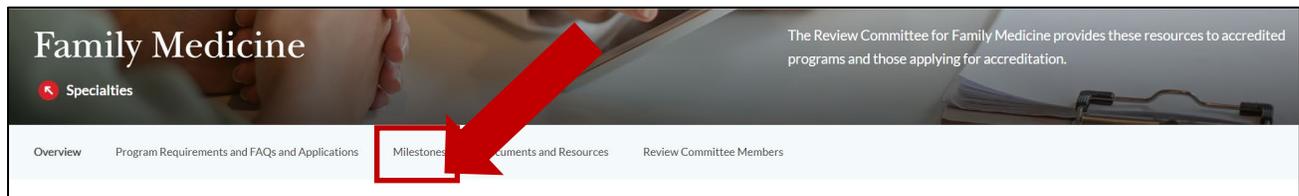

The specialty's Milestones page is where the applicable specialty and subspecialty Milestones documents and their associated Supplemental Guides and templates are located. This page also provides links to Milestones webcasts and to the Milestones section of the website, where additional resources, such as Milestones FAQs, various Guidebooks, and more, can be found.
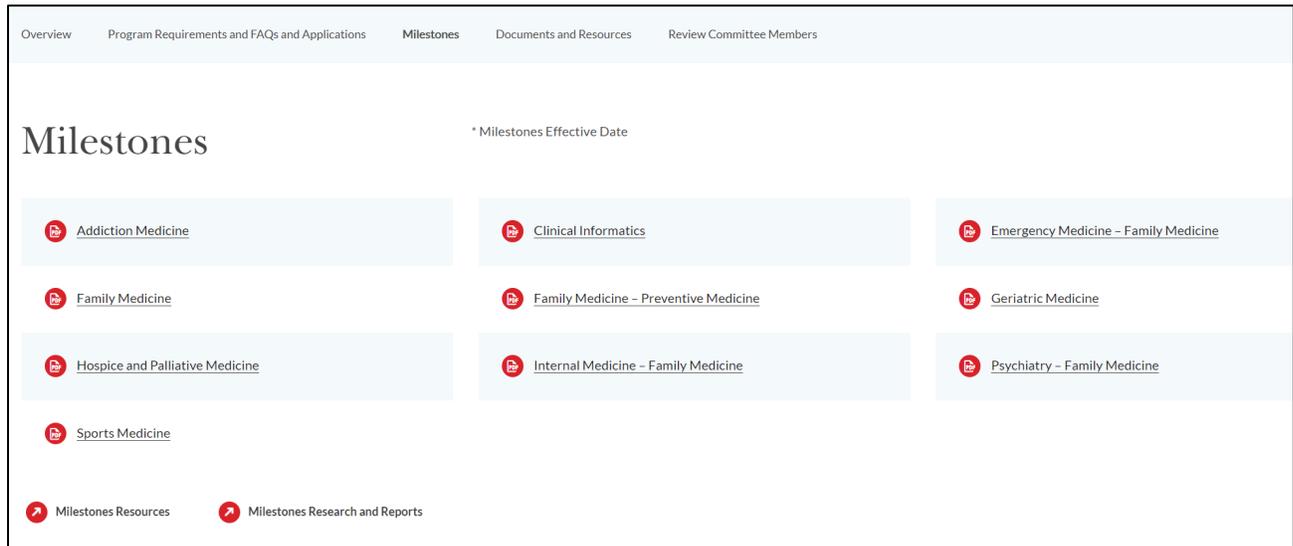
Documents and Resources

Documents and resources created by the Review Committee and ACGME staff to provide guidance to programs are available on this page of the specialty section of the website. The documents and resources available on this page will vary by specialty, and are updated periodically, as necessary, or when new materials are developed.

To access these, click on "Documents and Resources" in the tabs at the top of the specialty section.
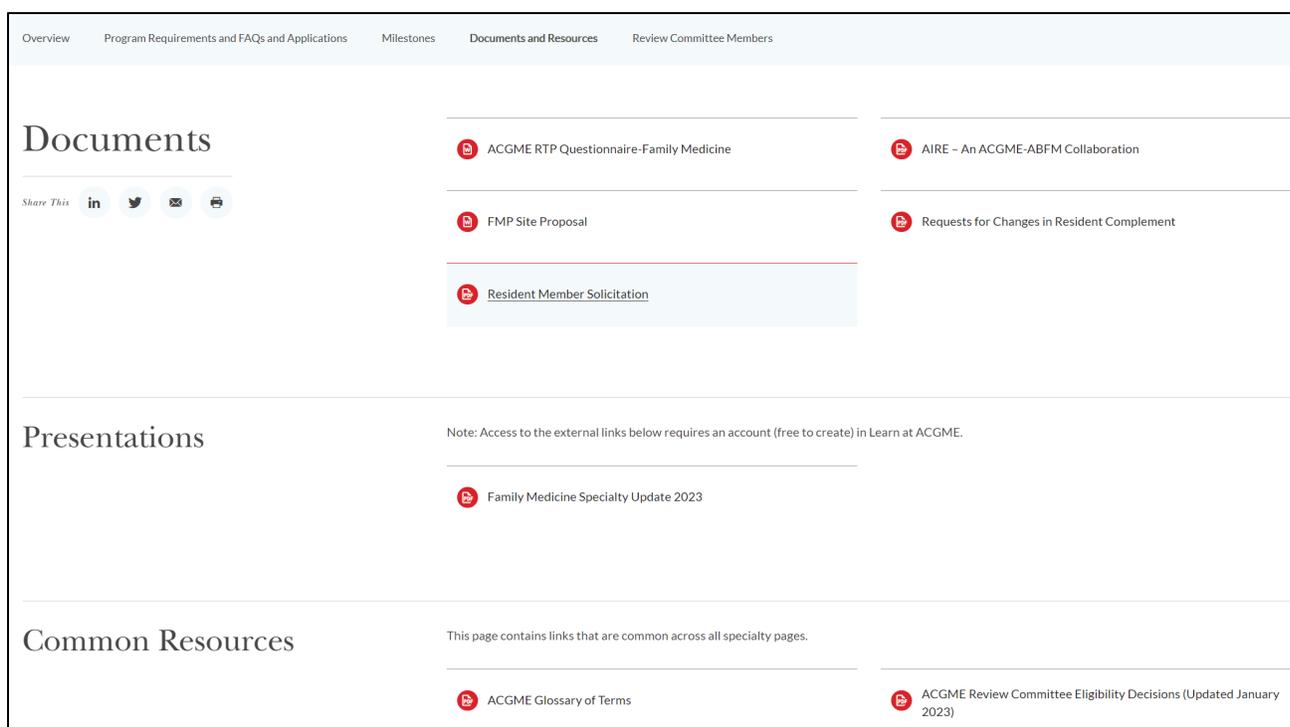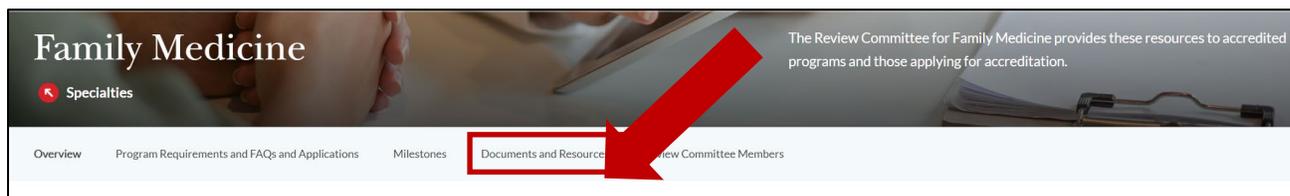
Documents
This section features resources and reference materials prepared by the Review Committee, and may include communications from the Review Committee, complement change request guidelines, Case Log information, international rotation information, etc.

Presentations
This section contains slides from presentations given by the Executive Director and/or Review Committee leadership. Not all Review Committees post presentations on the website.

Common Resources
This section provides accreditation and other resources that are applicable to all specialties and subspecialties.