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NBME Publishes Transparency Report

In August 2026, NBME released its inaugural Annual Transparency Report, providing a closer look at how the organization develops assessments, makes decisions, engages stakeholders, and advances its mission to support the health care profession.

The report reflects NBME's commitment to transparency at a time when health care, medical education, and assessment are experiencing significant change driven by evolving physician practice, emerging technologies, and increasing stakeholder expectations.

The report highlights several areas of organizational focus, including:

- Ongoing USMLE® practice analysis work examining how physician practice is evolving and how assessments can remain aligned with contemporary clinical practice.
- Improvements to the USMLE accommodations process through integration with the MyUSMLE portal, creating a more streamlined and transparent experience for examinees.
- NBME's approach to the responsible use of artificial intelligence in assessment, emphasizing that technology should support, not replace, human judgment and accountability.
- Recent efforts to support nutrition education through enhancements to nutrition-related content and feedback within the USMLE program.

The complete report is available at: https://www.nbme.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/0008-06-26-NBME-Transparency-Report-vs7.pdf

FSMB Foundation Announces 2026 Grant Recipients

On August 7, 2026, the Federation of State Medical Boards Research and Education Foundation announced grants totaling nearly $350,000 to five recipients to generate evidence-based research that addresses state and local workforce needs.

For more than a decade, the FSMB Foundation has provided grants directly to state medical boards and other recipients to support research and education initiatives that advance best practices in medical regulation and strengthen the safety and quality of healthcare.

The FSMB Foundation's 2026 grant cycle supports research that specifically addresses state and local workforce needs, informs regulatory policy, and contributes to broader discussions about healthcare workforce shortages in the US.

The 2026 FSMB Foundation grant recipients and partnering state medical boards (or other organizations) are:

- Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce (partnering with the Georgia Composite Medical Board): $47,500
- The Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, Inc. (partnering with Intealth): $75,000
- National Association of Medical Spanish (partnering with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation) $75,000
- Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center/ Penn State College of Medicine (partnering with the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine and the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Primary Care Office): $75,000
- Southern Illinois University School of Medicine (partnering with the Illinois State Medical Board): $74,599

Additional information is available at: https://www.fsmb.org/advocacy/news-releases/fsmb-foundation-announces--2026-grant-recipients/

ACGME Introduces Cloud Accreditation

The ACGME is advancing its digital transformation efforts with the development of the next addition to the ACGME Cloud platform. ACGME Cloud Accreditation will support accreditation and recognition activities across the graduate medical education (GME) community. Expected to launch in July 2027, it will replace the current Accreditation Data System (ADS), providing a streamlined, user-centered experience for those who engage with ACGME accreditation and recognition-related functions and requirements.

This development is part of the broader ACGME Cloud platform, which provides technology solutions to reduce administrative burden, improve access to data and analytics, and support informed decision making across GME. The goal is to help stakeholders spend less time on administrative processes and more time focusing on education and patient care.

The move to ACGME Cloud will retain foundational elements familiar to current ADS users, who will continue to conduct core accreditation/recognition functions and to access records and key historical data, while benefitting from enhanced access to information and reporting capabilities.

Further information is available at:
https://www.acgme.org/newsroom/2026/8/acgme-introduces-acgme-cloud-accreditation/