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reasons for the adverse action are made public. See Recent Accreditation Actions Yes, the scheduled dates of the last and next site visits are public information, noted in CODA's lists of accredited programs. CODA also publishes site visit schedules online. Site visits to programs that are fully operational are conducted every seven years with the exception of oral and maxillofacial surgery programs, which are site-visited every five years. CODA has the option of conducting a special site visit to any accredited program when it is necessary to investigate a complaint or review information that can only be obtained or documented on-site. Learn More about Site Visits and See Schedules Yes, according to CODA'S Policy on Third Party Comments, any interested party such as faculty, students, program administrators, CODA site visitors, dental-related organizations, patients, and/or consumers, may submit comments relative to an accredited program prior to its scheduled site visit. View Hearing Details and Calls for Comments CODA solicits comments through online publication of site visit dates. Those programs scheduled for review are responsible for soliciting third-party comments from students and patients by publishing an announcement at least 90 days prior to their site visit. Comments should be submitted to the CODA office, by email, 60 days prior to the site visit date. Learn How to Provide a Comment Yes, in accord with CODA'S Policy on Complaints, any interested party may submit a complaint. A "formal" complaint is defined as a complaint filed in written (or electronic) form and signed by the complainant. This complaint should outline the specific policy, procedure or standard in question and rationale for the complaint including specific documentation or examples. Complainants who submit complaints verbally will receive direction to submit a formal complaint to CODA in written, signed form following guidelines in the EOPP manual guidelines. An "anonymous comment/complaint" is defined as an unsigned comment/complaint submitted to the Commission. Any submitted information that identifies the complainant renders this submission a formal complaint and will be reviewed as such (e.g. inclusion of a complainant's name within an email or submitted documentation). All anonymous complaints will be reviewed by Commission staff to determine linkage to Accreditation Standards or CODA policy and procedures. If further investigation is warranted, the anonymous complaint will be handled as a formal complaint (See Formal Complaints); however, due to the anonymous nature of the submission, the Commission will not correspond with the complainant. According to its Policy on Principles of Integrity, CODA mandates that programs demonstrate honesty and integrity. A program's failure to report honestly, by presenting false information, by omission of essential information or by distortion of information with intent to mislead, constitutes a breach of integrity. Violations of the principles of integrity may be reported to CODA via the Complaint Policy. Learn More about CODA's Policy on Complaints CODA will consider written requests for accreditation standard revisions from any interested party, education program representative, and/or organization. Yes, CODA'S Policy on Assessing the Validity and Reliability of the Accreditation Standards states that CODA believes that a minimum time span should elapse between the adoption of new standards or implementation of standards that have undergone a comprehensive revision and the assessment of validity and reliability of these standards. When considering a comprehensive revision to standards, the validity and reliability of those standards will be assessed after they have been in effect for a period of time equal to the minimum academic length of the accredited program plus three years. For example, the minimum academic length of a predoctoral program is four years; so, a validity and reliability study of the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs would be initiated once the standards had been in effect for seven years. When CODA revises policies or standards, it provides programs and the public with advance notice and a schedule for implementation. CODA routinely seeks written and oral comments from its communities of interest when proposing a change in CODA accreditation standards. A call for comment is sought through a variety of methods, which may include: the CODA Communicator, electronic notification, and CODA minutes. Hearings on Standards are routinely conducted in conjunction with the American Dental Education Association's annual meeting and the Annual Meeting of the American Dental Association. All comments, whether written or oral, are provided to the Review Committees, as appropriate, and to CODA for their consideration. The goals and objectives of the Advanced Specialty Program in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery are designed to provide the resident trainee with clinical experience in broad scope oral & maxillofacial surgery and anesthesia, along with a didactic background in basic sciences, medicine, and anesthesia. The program will train residents to competence in the specialty of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery as delineated by the requirements set by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), along with American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons' Benchmarks for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Education and Training. The graduating students from this program should be proficient in all aspects of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery as evaluated by the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.