

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AUPO FELLOWSHIP COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

GOAL

To provide a system that will enhance patient care for ophthalmologic diseases by promoting uniform standards for fellowship training and educational programs in the following ophthalmic subspecialties: cornea, external disease & refractive surgery, glaucoma, neuro-ophthalmology, pathology, pediatric ophthalmology, retina and uveitis.

OBJECTIVES

1. The Fellowship Compliance Committee will establish a format and standards for the subspecialties in establishing guidelines.
2. Each subspecialty through the action of its subspecialty organization(s) will define a set of criteria for its own subspecialty, constituting standards for fellowship training to include curriculum as well as research and clinical experience.
3. The Fellowship Compliance Committee will help to coordinate the establishment of fellowship guidelines and monitor compliance of individual fellowship programs with these guidelines.
4. The Fellowship Compliance Committee will make determinations of the compliance of initial applications of individual fellowship programs for inclusion in the Compliance Program.
5. Programs admitted to the Compliance Program will be monitored on a triennial or quadrennial program review basis to assure that they remain in compliance.
6. Application and compliance monitoring will be accomplished through a web-based system.
7. Compliance status will be made publicly available so that fellowship applicants may use this information in their decision, likewise mentors will have compliance status available when advising residents on fellowship opportunities.