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General Preventive Medicine is the sub-specialty of Preventive Medicine emphasized in our program. We offer ACGME accredited training in two of three "years" required for board eligibility - the PGY2 & 3 year. Therefore, applicants must have completed by time of entry at least one full-year of acceptable clinical training (PGY1 internship) and Step III of the USMLE. It is important to note that a Masters of Public Health or the equivalent is required for board certification in this specialty.

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The residency is governed by the Program Evaluation Committee (PEC) which includes representatives from the following institutions: University of California, San Diego; San Diego State University; San Diego County Public Health Department; United States Navy; Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation; Kaiser Permanente Medical Center; Community Health Centers; and Solar Turbines. The residency core faculty and chief resident hold ex-officio positions.

The PEC supervises the activities of the program director and faculty. The Committee meets two times a year and is responsible for evaluating residents for admission and graduation. They monitor residency progress, approve residency placement and affiliation agreements. The PEC is apprised of budgetary and funding issues and provides advice and feedback from the community and their institutions.