Brief Description

The CCMG accredits Genetics centres for approved service delivery and training in Canada. The Accreditation of Centres Committee is responsible for maintaining accreditation guidelines, evaluating centres (including site visits as needed) and reporting on applications from Genetics centres. Accreditation by the CCMG is not intended to replace laboratory accreditation by a provincial accrediting body. The CCMG strongly encourages each Genetics specialty laboratory to obtain appropriate jurisdictional accreditation.

Mandate

1. To develop guidelines for the evaluation of Genetics centres for service and training programs;
2. To evaluate applications for accreditation from Genetics centres;
3. To report to centres in a form useful for fostering development, which will assist centres in identifying areas needing improvement.

Composition and Tenure

- All regular members of the committee should be fellows of the CCMG for a minimum of 3 years prior to their appointment.
- The committee consists of 10 regular members, including the Chair (or 2 Co-Chairs), with representation from Clinical (4 members), Molecular (2 members), Biochemical (2 members) and Cytogenetics (2 members). Due consideration will be given to a geographic mix.
- The usual term of committee membership is 3 years, renewable once.
- In addition to the 10 regular members, the committee also includes a Board representative (non-voting) and the Chair of the Credentials committee as an ex officio member (non-voting).
- The Chair (or Co-Chairs) normally serve(s) for 5 years, non-renewable. At the end of their term, the Chair (or one Co-Chair) will remain on the committee for one additional year as Past Chair (non-voting).
- The roles of the Board representative, Chair of the Credentials committee and Past Chair are advisory and consultative; these individuals are not required to perform accreditation reviews or site visits.

Terms of Reference Revision History:

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