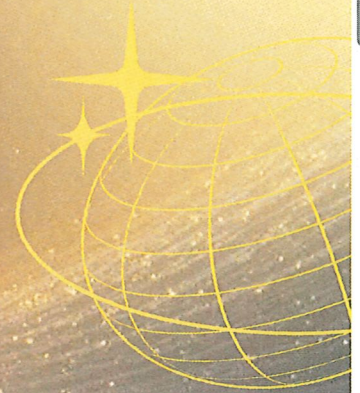


The GME Program Administrator

Always moving forward



About this guide

This ebook is designed for **GME Program Administrators**, **Program Directors**, and **Coordinators** seeking strategies for effective program management and continuous improvement.

In this E-Book

- The evolving role of the GME Program Administrator
- Strategies for effective communication
- Utilizing technology to streamline tasks
- Managing accreditation and compliance
- Fostering a positive learning environment
- Building strong relationships with residents and faculty

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Introduction

More Than "Just Admin"

If you are reading this, you are likely the person who keeps the lights on.

For decades, the role of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program Administrator (PA) was viewed through a narrow lens: clerical, reactive, and task-oriented. PAs were often seen merely as schedule makers and logistical coordinators.

But looking toward 2026, that definition is obsolete.

Today, the Program Administrator is a strategic partner in medical education. You are the compliance officer protecting the program's accreditation. You are the wellness officer sensing burnout before it appears on a survey. You are the operational architect who ensures that while the residents learn medicine, the *business* of the program runs without friction.

This guide, "**The GME Program Administrator: Always Moving Forward**," is not just a list of tasks. It is a playbook for shifting your mindset from "surviving the academic year" to "leading the program."

Whether you have been in this role for two months or twenty years, the goal is the same: to move the program and your career forward.

Chapter 1: The Annual Cycle (Your Roadmap)

In GME, we do not live by the calendar year; we live by the Academic Year (AY). The secret to "moving forward" is to stop letting the cycle surprise you.

Here is your quarterly breakdown of where to focus your energy so you are always one step ahead.

Quarter 1: The Season of New Beginnings (July – September)

The residents have arrived. Chaos is guaranteed, but panic is optional.

- **The "Day One" Bottleneck:** The biggest friction point in July is access. Before June 30th, audit your IT permissions. Does every intern have an active email, badge, and EMR login? A resident who cannot log in is a resident who cannot learn.
- **Orientation vs. Onboarding:** *Onboarding* is filling out HR forms. *Orientation* is culture-building. Use this quarter to schedule "wellness check-ins" with your new interns—not to talk about logistics, but to ask, "How are you settling in?"
- **The "Moving Forward" Tip:** Create an "FAQ Document" based on the questions you get asked most this month. Next July, hand that out first.

Quarter 2: The Season of Recruitment (October – December)

The days get shorter, and the inbox gets fuller. This is the marathon.

- **Screening Strategy:** You cannot read 1,000 applications alone. Set up a "rubric-based" screening tool for your faculty reviewers. If they know exactly what to look for (e.g., specific step scores, volunteerism, leadership), they will review faster.
- **The Interview Day Experience:** Virtual interviews are efficient, but impersonal. Your role is to be the "Digital Host." Create a "Virtual Lobby" (a separate Zoom breakout room) where candidates can chat with you or residents casually between interviews.
- **The "Moving Forward" Tip:** Block out 30 minutes every Friday during recruitment season solely for *your* recovery. No emails. Just silence or a walk. You cannot pour from an empty cup.

Quarter 3: The Season of Assessment (January – March)

The Match is looming, and the Clinical Competency Committee (CCC) is meeting.

- **Ranking with Confidence:** When the Rank Order List (ROL) meeting happens, be the person with the data. Have a spreadsheet ready that aggregates interview scores, faculty comments, and survey results.
- **CCC Prep:** Do not wait until the week before the meeting to chase evaluations. Send "nudge" emails to faculty 4 weeks out, 2 weeks out, and 48 hours out.
- **The "Moving Forward" Tip:** Use the quiet weeks after the ROL is certified to audit your program

Quarter 4: The Season of Celebration (April – June)

The finish line is in sight.

- **Graduation Logistics:** Start planning the venue in April. The devil is in the details: double-check the spelling of every name on those diplomas. Then check them again.
- **The "Exit Interview" Goldmine:** When graduating residents leave, they are often the most honest. Use their exit interviews not just to say goodbye, but to ask: *"What is one operational thing we should change for next year?"*
- **The "Moving Forward" Tip:** Before the new interns arrive, take your vacation. Seriously. Disconnect completely. You earned it.

The Always-Moving Cycle of GME



Chapter 2: The Accreditation Shield

In many programs, the word "accreditation" triggers a panic response. We often view the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) site visit as an audit to survive.

However, in a high-functioning program, accreditation is not a test; it is a shield. It is the framework that protects your trainees' education from being eroded by service obligations, and it protects you by giving you the authority to demand resources.

Moving forward requires shifting your program from "**Cycle Mode**" (scrambling only when a site visit is announced) to "**Maintenance Mode**" (being ready every single day).

1. The "Always-Ready" Mindset

The most stressful way to manage accreditation is to treat it as a special event. The most effective way is to treat it as a daily habit.

The "Two-Click" Rule: If a site visitor asked for your Block Schedule or your Program Letters of Agreement (PLAs) today, could you produce them in two clicks? If you must dig through email attachments or a physical binder, you are vulnerable.

Digital Hygiene: Create a central, shared digital repository (e.g., New Innovations, Med Hub, or a secure server) organized by ACGME Common Program Requirement tabs.

The "Living" APE: Do not let your Annual Program Evaluation (APE) sit on a shelf. It should be a living document that you review quarterly at PEC (Program Evaluation Committee) meetings to track progress on your action items.

2. The "Big Three" Common Citations (and Prevention)

Regardless of specialty, citations tend to cluster around specific operational failures. Here is how to proactively audit your program against the most common pitfalls.

Pitfall 1: Inaccurate Procedural/Case Logs

The Risk: Residents and fellows often forget to log cases until the day before graduation. This leads to data that looks non-compliant, even if the clinical volume was adequate.

The Fix: Implement a "Hard Stop." If logs are not updated by the 5th of the month, the trainee cannot moonlight or access discretionary funds. Make compliance a prerequisite for privileges.

Pitfall 2: Board Pass Rates & Remediation Documentation

The Risk: ACGME flags programs with low board pass rates, but the deeper citation is often a lack of remediation evidence.

Fix: If a resident has a low In-Training Exam (ITE) score, there must be a paper trail. A verbal "try harder" is not sufficient. You need a signed learning plan in the file that details specific interventions (e.g., question banks, faculty tutoring).

Pitfall 3: Wellness & Fatigue Mitigation

The Risk: Programs are cited when trainees report they do not know how to access mental health resources or feel pressured to work while fatigued.

The Fix: Put the link to mental health resources in their email signatures. Discuss fatigue mitigation in minutes-recorded meetings (like the PEC) so there is written proof that the conversation happens regularly.

3. The Fellowship Nuance: One Size Does Not Fit All

For Fellowship Program Administrators, accreditation requires a finer lens. While Core Residencies run on "Common Program Requirements," Fellowships live and die by "Sub-specialty Milestones."

The Scholarly Activity Trap: In a one-year fellowship, time is compressed. If a fellow does not start their research in Month 2, they will not finish by Month 12. PAs must operationalize this timeline by scheduling "Research Check-ins" early, rather than waiting for the semi-annual review.

Faculty Ratios: Fellowships often have stricter faculty-to-trainee ratios. Monitor your faculty roster closely; if a key attending leaves, notify the ACGME immediately to update your Web ADS, rather than waiting for the annual update.

4. The "Moving Forward" Tip

Schedule a "Mock Audit" with a peer administrator from a different department. Trade programs for one hour. You try to find their PLAs; they try to find your block schedule. A fresh set of eyes will find the gaps that you have become blind to.

THE TWO-CLICK DEFENSE

A SHIELD FOR ACCREDITATION READINESS



Chapter 3: The Administrator's Toolkit

If you try to manage a modern GME program using only email and a spreadsheet, you will eventually hit a ceiling. The complexity of tracking milestones, duty hours, and wellness for dozens (or hundreds) of trainees requires better infrastructure.

This chapter outlines the three essential kits every PA needs: The Tech Stack, The Communication Strategy, and The Financial Dashboard.

1. The Tech Stack: Beyond Excel

You likely already use a Residency Management System (RMS) like New Innovations or Med Hub. But those are for compliance. You need tools for productivity.

Project Management (e.g., Trello, Asana, Monday.com):

The Use Case: Recruitment is a project. Graduation is a project. Stop tracking these in sticky notes.

The Setup: Create a board for "Recruitment." Create columns for "Applications Received," "Screening," "Invited," "Scheduled," and "Thank You Notes Sent." Move candidates through the board visually. This gives you an instant snapshot of your funnel without opening a single spreadsheet.

Scheduling Automation (e.g., Calendly, Doodle):

The Use Case: The back-and-forth emails of "Are you free Tuesday at 2 PM?" are a productivity killer.

The Setup: For semi-annual reviews or mentorship meetings, send a single link. Let the residents book a slot that syncs directly to your Outlook/Google Calendar.

Communication Hubs (e.g., Slack, Microsoft Teams, WhatsApp):

The Use Case: Email is where information goes to die. Urgent updates (e.g., "Grand Rounds moved to Room B") get lost.

The Setup: Create a dedicated channel for "Logistics/Urgent" (muted notification setting optional for you, mandatory for them) and a separate one for "Wellness/Social" (pet photos welcome). This separates signal from noise.

2. The Communication Kit: The Art of the "Nudge"

A huge portion of a PA's week is spent chasing people. The difference between a nagging email and an effective one is often the **structure**.

Template: The "Faculty Evaluation" Nudge Subject: Action Required: 3 Pending Evaluations for Dr. Smith

Dr. [Name],

We are preparing for the Clinical Competency Committee (CCC) meeting on [Date]. To ensure Dr. Smith gets a fair review, we need your input on their recent rotation.

- **The Ask: Please complete the attached evaluation (Link).**

- **Time Commitment:** This will take approximately 3 minutes.
- **Deadline:** [Date] at 5:00 PM.

If this is not completed, we will not have data to support their milestone progression.

Thank you, [Your Name]

Why this works: It states the consequence (resident's progression), the effort (only 3 minutes), and the deadline clearly.

3. The Financial Dashboard: Speaking the Language of Money

Administrators often feel removed from the budget, but you are the one who is spending it. To advocate for more resources, you need to track where the money goes.

The "Cost Per Resident" Tracker:

Do not just track the total. Break it down. How much did you spend on recruitment per matched candidate? How much on wellness per trainee?

The Win: When you ask for a budget increase next year, don't say, "We need more money for food." Say, "Our recruitment cost per candidate is \$50, which is 20% below the institutional average. An increase of \$500 would allow us to upgrade our virtual interview platform."

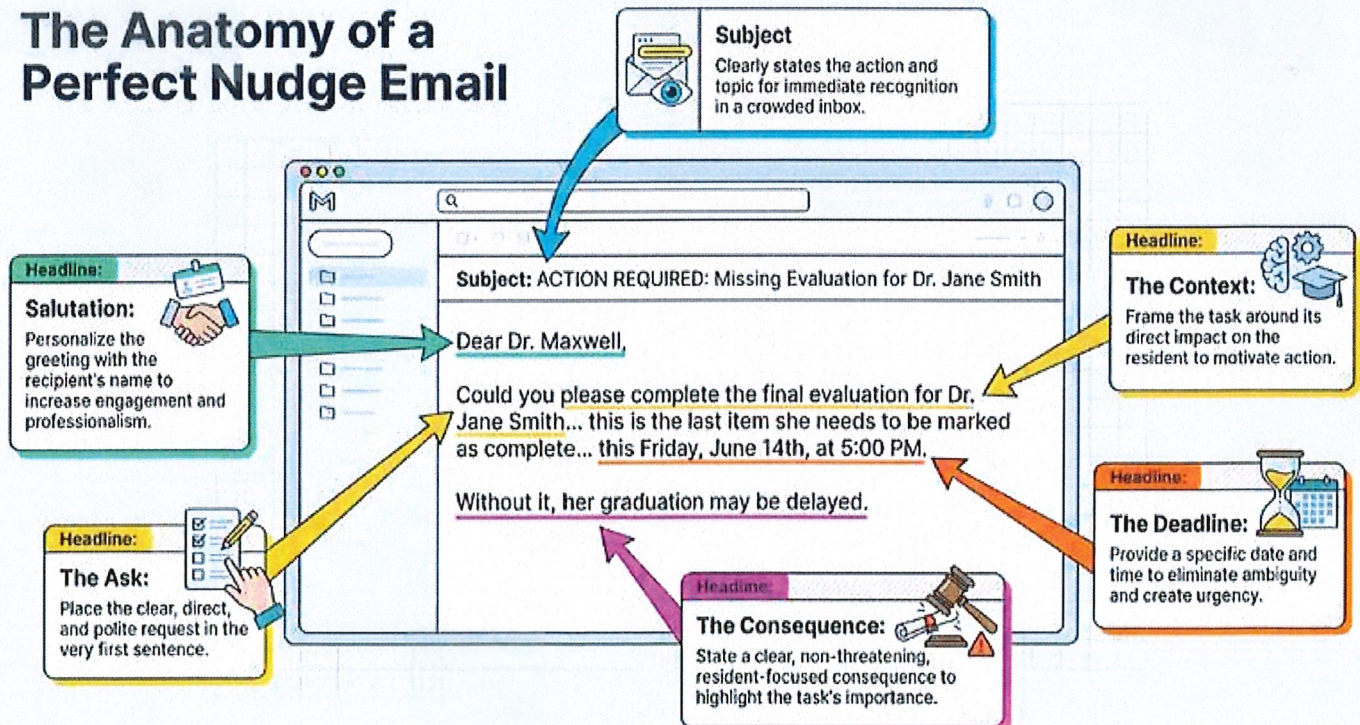
The "Wellness" Line Item:

Ensure "Wellness" is a specific line item, not a slush fund. If you buy pizza for a crisis meeting, code it to Operations. If you buy yoga mats, code it to Wellness. Protect the wellness budget for actual well-being, not just feeding people during work hours.

4. The "Moving Forward" Tip

Pick one manual process you hate doing (e.g., emailing the call schedule every month). Spend one hour this Friday researching if there is a tool or a template that can automate it. If you save 15 minutes a week, that is 13 hours saved per year, almost two full workdays.

The Anatomy of a Perfect Nudge Email



Chapter 4: Wellness & Professional Development

In Graduate Medical Education, we spend immense energy discussing resident burnout. We create wellness curricula, fund retreat days, and track duty hours.

But who tracks the wellness of the person managing it all?

Too often, Program Administrators operate with a "martyr mindset," the belief that they must be available 24/7 to solve every crisis. This is unsustainable. A burned-out administrator cannot support a burned-out resident.

"Wellness" in this role is not about bubble baths; it is about boundaries and professional identity.

1. The "Red Light" Hour: Operationalizing Rest

The nature of the PA role is reactive. You are constantly interrupted by knocks on the door, urgent emails, and phone calls. This leads to "context switching," which destroys cognitive focus.

The Strategy: Implement the "Red Light" Hour.

What it is: One hour per week (e.g., Friday from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM) where you are unavailable.

How to do it: Close your office door. Put a "Red Light" or "Deep Work" sign up. Turn off email notifications.

What to do: Use this time for high-level thinking—working on the Annual Program Evaluation (APE), drafting a new policy, or planning the next recruitment season.

Why it matters: It teaches your residents and faculty that your time is valuable. If you respect your time, they will too.

2. Moving from "Coordinator" to "Director."

One of the greatest sources of dissatisfaction is feeling "stuck." To move forward, you must treat your role as a career, not a job.

Certification: If you have not yet pursued TAGME (Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education) certification, make it a goal for 2026. It validates your expertise to your institution and often comes with a salary stipend.

Title Inflation vs. Scope Expansion: Don't just ask for a new title; ask for a new scope. If you want to be a "Program Manager" instead of a "Coordinator," propose a project that saves the department money or improves accreditation outcomes. Show the ROI of your leadership.

Scholarly Activity: Yes, administrators can publish! Partner with your Program Director to write an abstract on a process improvement you built. Present it at the ACGME Annual Conference or share it in the FULGME Journal.

3. Building Your Personal Board of Directors

You cannot do this alone. If the only people you talk to are within your own department, you are operating in an echo chamber.

The "Venting" Partner: Find a peer in a different specialty. They understand the acronyms (ERAS, CCC, NAS) but are removed enough to offer objective advice.

The Mentor: Find a senior administrator who has survived a difficult site visit or a leadership transition. Ask them: "How did you navigate that political situation?"

The Community: Engage with national organizations (like FULGME). Realizing that 750 other GME professionals are struggling with the same Web ADS error is profoundly validating.

4. The "Moving Forward" Tip

Update your email signature today. If it includes your cell phone number, remove it (unless it is a dedicated work device). If it does not include a link to your program's "FAQ" or "Wellness Resources," add it. Set the boundary that information is available even when *you* are not.

The GME Admin's Wellness Protocol: A Guide to Sustainable Leadership

This protocol reframes professional wellness as a series of actionable strategies. It provides a visual guide for GME administrators to implement daily boundaries, cultivate a strong support network, and track key career metrics for sustainable success.

PROTOCOL

Operationalize Rest: The 'Red Light' Hour

Constant context-switching erodes focus and drains energy. Juggling multiple urgent tasks prevents the deep work necessary for strategic projects.

- 1. Close Your Door**
Create a physical barrier to signal you are in a focused work session.
- 2. Silence Comms**
Turn off email, chat, and phone notifications to eliminate digital distractions.
- 3. Engage in Deep Work Only**
Use this protected time exclusively for high-concentration, high-value tasks.

Build Your Professional 'Board of Directors'







- The 'Venting' Partner**
A trusted peer for safely expressing frustrations and gaining perspective.
- The Mentor**
A seasoned guide for navigating career challenges and identifying opportunities.
- The Community**
A network of colleagues for sharing resources, best practices, and support.

Track Your Career Vital Signs

- TAGME Certification**
A key credential demonstrating expertise and commitment to the field.
- Scope Expansion**
Actively taking on new projects or responsibilities to grow your skill set.
- Scholarly Activity**
Contributing to the field through presentations, publications, or research.

Quick Win: The Signature Audit

Fortify your email signature to set digital boundaries.

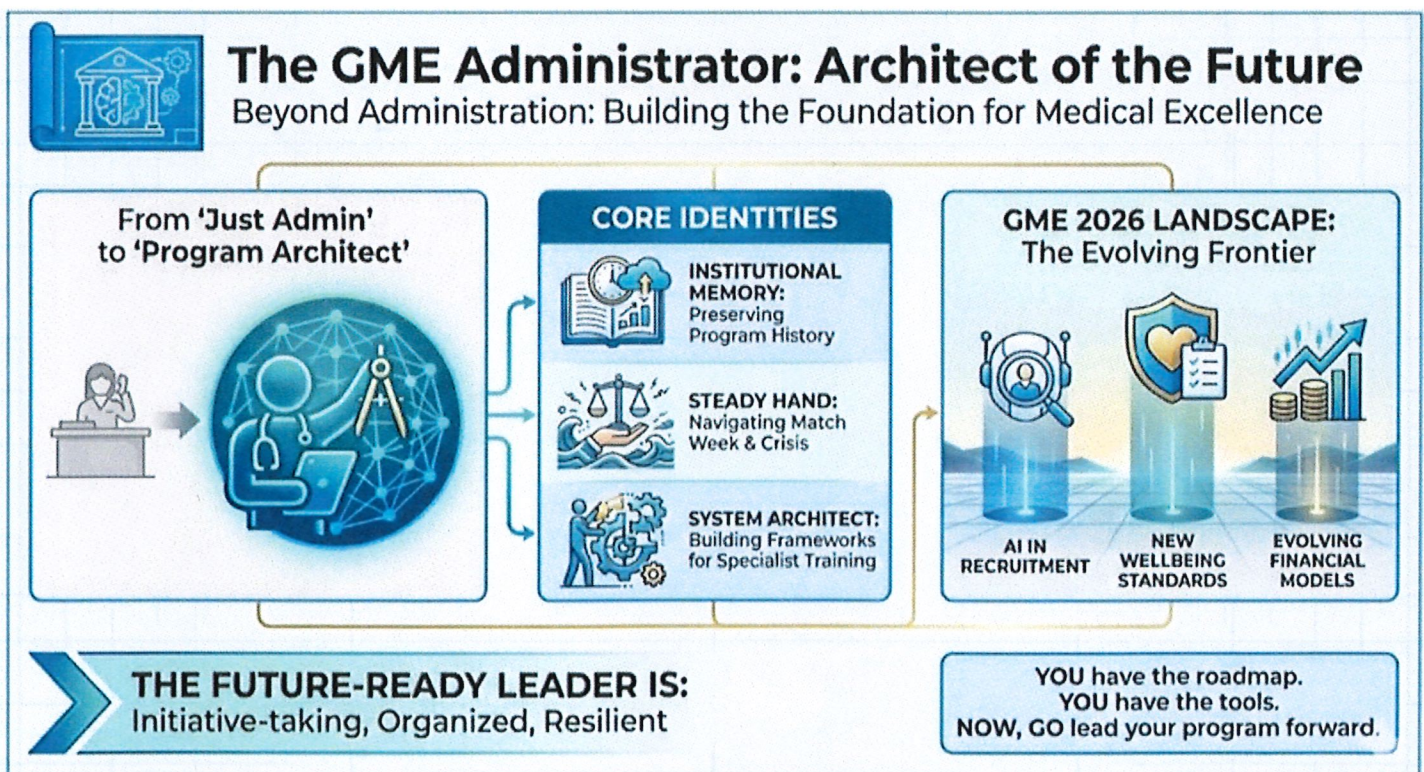
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Conclusion: The Architect of the Future

If you take only one thing from this guide, let it be this: You are not "just" an administrator.

You are the institutional memory of your program. You are the steady hand during Match Week chaos. You are the architect who builds systems that allow doctors to become specialists.

The landscape of GME is changing rapidly. By 2026, we will see more AI in recruitment, new accreditation standards for wellbeing, and evolving financial models.



Appendix A: The Master GME Annual Calendar

(Adjustment may be required per residency vs fellowship, specialty by specialty)

Instructions: Use this checklist to stay ahead of the academic year. Mark off items as they are completed.

Q1: The Start (July – September)

● JULY

- **Orientation & Onboarding:** Ensure all PGY-1s have badges, email access, and EMR logins by Day 1.
- **ACGME WebADS:** Begin annual update. Verify faculty roster and resident complement.
- **IRIS Report:** Collaborate with GME Finance to audit the initial rotation schedule for reimbursement.
- **Wellness Check:** Schedule 15-minute "coffee chats" with new interns to check for early transition stress.

● AUGUST

- **Program Letters of Agreement (PLAs):** Audit all participating sites. Renew any PLAs expiring within the next 6 months.
- **PEC Meeting #1:** Convene the Program Evaluation Committee to review the previous year's Annual Program Evaluation (APE) action plan.
- **Case Logs:** Run a compliance report to ensure new residents are logging procedures correctly.

● SEPTEMBER

- **ERAS Opens:** Verify program listing in ERAS/Thalamus. Confirm all filter settings (e.g., visa sponsorship, medical school year).
- **Recruitment Rubric:** Distribute the screening scorecard to faculty reviewers.
- **Didactics:** Finalize the lecture schedule for the remainder of the calendar year.

Q2: Recruitment Season (October – December)

● OCTOBER

- **MSPE Release:** Begin reviewing applications.
- **Interview Invites:** Send first wave of invitations (ensure 48-hour response buffer).
- **CCC Prep:** Schedule the Clinical Competency Committee meeting for early November.

● NOVEMBER

- **Interviews:** Manage virtual interview days (staffing the "Virtual Lobby").
- **CCC Meeting #1:** Review resident milestones (July–Oct data). Submit results to ACGME WebADS.
- **Holiday Schedule:** Finalize the "Winter Break" call schedule to ensure equity.

- **Interviews:** Manage virtual interview days (staffing the "Virtual Lobby").
- **CCC Meeting #1:** Review resident milestones (July–Oct data). Submit results to ACGME WebADS.
- **Holiday Schedule:** Finalize the "Winter Break" call schedule to ensure equity.
- **DECEMBER**
 - **Semi-Annual Reviews:** Schedule PD meetings with every resident to discuss CCC feedback.
 - **Wellness Event:** Host a holiday gathering (virtual or in-person) focused on non-work connection.
 - **Recruitment Wrap:** Send final wave of invites if spots remain.

Q3: Match & Assessment (January – March)

- **JANUARY**
 - **NRMP Registration:** Confirm quota and track documentation in the R3 system.
 - **Rank Meeting Prep:** Compile all interviewer scores and comments into a master aggregate spreadsheet.
 - **ACGME Resident Survey:** Send reminders and explain the importance of "honesty vs. complaint."
- **FEBRUARY**
 - **Rank Order List (ROL):** Finalize and certify the list before the deadline.
 - **Faculty Survey:** Ensure ACGME Faculty Survey compliance.
 - **Scholarly Activity Audit:** Remind residents of abstract submission deadlines for spring conferences.
- **MARCH**
 - **Match Week:** Prepare "Welcome" emails/packets for the incoming class.
 - **Onboarding Prep:** Open new files for the incoming class (background checks, licensing).
 - **Chief Resident Selection:** Announce Chiefs for the next academic year.

Q4: The Finish Line (April – June)

- **APRIL**
 - **PEC Meeting #2:** Begin drafting the new APE. Review ACGME Survey results.
 - **Contract Renewal:** Generate and sign agreements for advancing residents.
 - **Graduation Planning:** Book venue, order diplomas, and confirm catering.
- **MAY**
 - **CCC Meeting #2:** Final summative review of milestones.
 - **Exit Interviews:** Schedule 30-minute exit interviews with all graduating trainees.
 - **Program Handover:** Update the "Chief Resident Manual" with new policies.
- **JUNE**
 - **Summative Evaluations:** Ensure a final, signed summative evaluation is in every graduating file.
 - **Graduation:** Host ceremony.
 - **Archive:** Move graduating files to "Alumni" storage (digital or physical).
 - **Vacation:** Take your scheduled time off!

Appendix B: The "Site Visit Ready" File Audit

Instructions: Use the "Two-Click Rule." Can you find these documents in two clicks? If not, create a digital folder for each of the bolded headers.

Folder 1: Program Definition & PLAs

- **Current Block Schedule:** Up-to-date for the current AY, showing all rotation sites.
- **Participating Sites List:** Matches WebADS exactly.
- **PLAs (Program Letters of Agreement):** Signed by the DIO and Site Director, dated within 10 years (5 years for some specialties), outlining educational goals, faculty responsibility, and policies.

Folder 2: Evaluations & Competency

- **CCC Minutes:** Dated minutes for semi-annual meetings. Must show *who* attended and that *milestones* were reviewed.
- **Semi-Annual Reviews:** Signed acknowledgment from residents that they received their milestone feedback (twice per year).
- **Final Summative Evaluation:** For past graduates, a specific form stating they are "competent to practice without supervision."

Folder 3: Program Evaluation (The PEC)

- **PEC Minutes:** Annual meeting minutes showing resident/faculty attendance. Best Practice: Hold semi-annual PECs
- **The APE (Annual Program Evaluation):** The formal document summarizing the SWOT analysis.
- **Action Plan:** A tracker showing progress on previous years' areas for improvement. (E.g., "Goal: Improve Wellness. Action: New call schedule implemented Jan 2026.")

Folder 4: Faculty & Policy

- **Faculty Roster:** CVs for all core faculty (updated annually).
- **Board Certification:** Proof of current certification for all key faculty.
- **Program-Specific Policies:**
 - Supervision Policy (Levels of supervision defined).
 - Duty Hour Policy (How to log, how to mitigate fatigue).
 - Transitions of Care (Handoff protocol).
 - Selection & Eligibility Policy.

Appendix C: The Recruitment Season Dashboard

Instructions: Print this specifically for the busy months of Oct–Feb to keep the chaos organized. Adjust timeline for Fellowship Programs and specialty-specific recruitment timelines.

PART 1: The Pre-Season Prep (August/Sept)

- **Application Filter Settings:**
 - USMLE/COMLEX Cutoffs defined?
 - Visa Sponsorship (J1/H1B) status confirmed with GME office?
 - "Year of Graduation" filter set?
- **The Interview Team:**
 - Faculty reviewers selected and trained on the Rubric.
 - Residents selected for "Social Hours" / Tours.
 - "Virtual Lobby" host assigned (IT support).

PART 2: Weekly Tracker (During Season)

Use this grid to report numbers to your PD every Friday. (Grid based on estimated Residency Program timeline - adjust for Fellowship Programs and per Specialty).

Week Of...	Apps Received	Apps Screened	Invites Sent	Scheduled	Waitlisted
Oct 1					
Oct 15					
Nov 1					
Nov 15					
Dec 1					
Jan 1					

PART 3: Post-Interview Checklist

- **Thank You Notes:** Ensure no policy violation (NRMP Match Participation Agreement limits "post-interview communication"). Send generic "Thank You for Interviewing" emails if permitted.

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Administrator's Resource Bank

1. Professional Associations & Networks

Connect with peers, find mentors, and access members-only toolkits.

- **AHME | Association for Hospital Medical Education**
 - *Best For:* Institutional leaders and coordinators in hospital-based settings. Known for the "AHME Institute" and practical operational guides.
 - *Website:* www.ahme.org
- **NSAMA | National Society of Academic Medical Administrators**
 - *Best For:* Administrators seeking scholarly collaboration, fellowship networking, and specific "Clerkship to GME" educational bridges.
 - *Website:* www.nsama.org
- **FULGME | Forum for United Leaders in GME**
 - *Best For:* Scholarly publication, peer-to-peer mentorship, and modern operational templates.
 - *Website:* www.fulgme.org
- **AIAMC | Alliance of Independent Academic Medical Centers**
 - *Best For:* Programs located in large teaching hospitals that are not directly owned by a medical school. Excellent for Quality Improvement (QI) initiatives.
 - *Website:* www.aiamc.org
- **AAMC - GRA | Group on Resident Affairs**
 - *Best For:* DIOs and institutional leaders needing high-level policy updates and advocacy news.
 - *Website:* www.aamc.org/gra

2. Accreditation & Regulatory Bodies

The rule-makers. Bookmark these sites for policy updates.

- **ACGME | Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education**
 - *Use It For:* Program Requirements, Milestones, and the Data Resource Book.
 - *Website:* www.acgme.org
- **NRMP | National Resident Matching Program**
 - *Use It For:* Match timelines, quota changes, and "Match Week" data.
 - *Website:* www.nrmp.org
- **ECFMG | Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates**
 - *Use It For:* Visa sponsorship (J-1) and IMG certification verification.
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- o Website: www.aamc.org/gra

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Validate your expertise and grow your career.

- **TAGME | Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education**
 - o *Why:* The gold standard certification (C-TAGME) for the profession.
 - o Website: www.tagme.org
- **NAMSS | National Association Medical Staff Services**
 - o *Why:* Essential for those whose roles overlap with credentialing and provider enrollment.
 - o Website: www.namss.org
- **AOGME | Assembly of Osteopathic Graduate Medical Educators**
 - o *Why:* Critical resources for programs with "Osteopathic Recognition" or historical AOA programs.
 - o Website: www.aacom.org/aogme

4. Recommended Tech Stack

Tools to automate your daily workflow.

- **Project Management:** Trello (trello.com), Asana (asana.com)
- **Scheduling:** Calendly (calendly.com), Doodle (doodle.com)
- **Communication:** Slack (slack.com), Microsoft Teams

The above resources, recommendations, and suggestions do not represent all available options within our collective community; these are meant as a starting point for you to build your own list off of.