

Procedure for Updating the ANVUR Governing Board on International Standards for the Evaluation of single cycle master's degree Programmes in Medicine and Surgery

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1. Introduction

This procedure sets out the methods for updating the members of the ANVUR Governing Board on international standards for the evaluation of single cycle master's degree Programmes in Medicine and Surgery, with the aim of ensuring the Agency's continuous alignment with international best practices.

2. Frequency and methods of update

The update of the members of the Governing Board will take place annually and will be organized through the following activities:

- a) Institutional meetings with the following organizations:
 - National Agency for Regional Health Services (**AGENAS**)
 - Italian National Institute of Health (**ISS**)
 - **National Observatory** on postgraduate medical education of the Ministry of Universities and Research (**MUR**)
 - **Ministry of Health**, with specific reference to:
 - i. Directorate General for Health Professions and National Health Service Policies
 - ii. Directorate General for Health Planning and Infrastructure.
- b) Meetings with **expert evaluators** who have taken part in the accreditation activities for Medicine and Surgery programmes in recent years (both initial and periodic accreditations).
- c) Participation in **international webinars**, with particular focus on events organized by the World Federation for Medical Education (**WFME**), in which the Board members (or their representatives) will participate at least once a year.

3. Units responsible for organizing update activities

The organization and coordination of the update activities will be jointly managed by the University accreditation and evaluation Unit and the Internationalization Unit, under the supervision of the Director of the Agency and the Manager of the Higher Education Institutions Evaluation Area.

4. Monitoring

To ensure and monitor the effectiveness of the update process, one or more of the following measures will be adopted:

- administration of a self-assessment questionnaire to participants at the end of each update activity
- preparation of a summary report highlighting areas for improvement that emerged during institutional meetings
- internal discussions within the Governing Board to integrate the knowledge acquired into the Agency's decision-making processes.

5. Expected results

The implementation of these activities aims to:

- keep the Governing Board up to date on international standards for the evaluation of single cycle master's Degree Programmes in Medicine and Surgery
- strengthen and promote dialogue with national and international stakeholders
- improve the evaluation and accreditation protocols for Medicine and Surgery programmes
- enhance the effectiveness and transparency of the evaluation processes adopted by ANVUR.

6. Transparency towards stakeholders

ANVUR ensures the transparency of the update process by publishing the following on its website:

- a) this procedure
- b) any changes to the accreditation standards resulting from the update activities.

7. Procedure review

This procedure is subject to biennial review, or earlier in the event of significant changes in the regulatory framework or international standards. Proposals for revision may be submitted by members of the Governing Board, the Director, or the heads of the involved Units.

8. Entry into force

This procedure enters into force on the date of its approval by the Governing Board.