

U.S. Department of Education

Staff Analysis
of the Report Submitted by

Saba

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Background

At its March 2003 meeting, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) determined that the standards used by the Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM) on behalf of the Government of Saba to evaluate the country's single medical school, the Saba University School of Medicine, were comparable to those used to evaluate medical schools in the United States. The NCFMEA requested that Saba submit by July 15, 2003, "an update of ACCM's plan for the evaluation of the Saba University's clinical sites for review by the NCFMEA at its September 2003 meeting and invite a member of the NCFMEA to observe one of those evaluation visits during this period."

ACCM, on behalf of Saba, submitted a schedule of clinical site visits and formally invited representatives from the NCFMEA to observe these visits.

Summary of Findings

Based on its review of the report submitted by the Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine on behalf of the Government of Saba, Department staff concludes that Saba has provided all of the information requested by the NCFMEA.

Staff Summary

The Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine has site visits scheduled for the following dates at the following sites:

September 8, 2003: Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, MD

September 9, 2003: Holy Cross Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Professor Ian Temperley and Ms. Eilis McGovern will conduct these site visits. NCFMEA members Dr. Raymond Caron will observe both hospital visits, while

Dr. Scottie Pierce will observe the Holy Cross Hospital site visit. Ron Lipton of the Department will observe one of hospital site visits.

November 2003 (scheduling in process):

St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis, MO
St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, MO
Kansas City Veteran's Administration Medical Ctr, Kansas City, MO
Leonard Chabert Hospital, Houma, LA

Dr. Tony Peacock and Dr. Geoff Chadwick will conduct these site visits.

December 2003 (scheduling in process):

Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport CT
Brookdale Hospital, Brooklyn NY
Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, NY

Professors Brian Lawlor and Clive Lee will conduct these site visits.

ACCM reports that Saba University also sends students to the following hospitals:

Harbor Hospital, Baltimore, MD
Spring Grove Hospital, Catonsville, MD
Jackson Park Hospital, Chicago, IL
St. Anthony's Hospital, Chicago, IL
Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, IL

However, since ACCM recently visited these hospitals as part of its inspections for another school that the agency accredits and found them satisfactory, ACCM will not visit these sites. This is in accordance with the NCFMEA's decision at its March 2003 meeting that ". . . where a single accrediting body is accrediting schools from multiple countries that use a common clinical site, where that clinical site has a single coordinator responsible for the educational experience of students from multiple countries, where that site is used as a core clinical clerkship site, and where the accrediting body whenever it visits that site interviews all students from all schools, that site does not have to be revisited at a frequency of greater than once every two years."

ACCM will incorporate the results of its site visit evaluations into its next report on the Saba University School of Medicine.