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MCGRAW-HILL PROFESSIONAL LAUNCHES CUSTOMIZABLE CURRICULAR TOOL FOR SURGICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, June 27, 2007 — McGraw-Hill Professional, a leading global provider of information resources for the scientific and medical communities, today announced the launch of AccessSurgery's Custom Curriculum, a cutting-edge functionality that enables surgical program directors to create, track, and report usage of surgical rotations online. With Custom Curriculum, surgical programs can build a resource that matches their specific needs – mapping AccessSurgery content and capabilities to their educational structure.

AccessSurgery, launched in early 2006, is the first online resource for surgeons organized by key topics to reflect the Accreditation College for Graduate Medical Education's (ACGME) mandate for a core curriculum.

AccessSurgery's Custom Curriculum provides a powerful and intuitive online interface for program directors to manage their training rotations. By replicating their existing rotation structure online, program directors can:

- Assign reference content, videos, and animations
- Mandate board review tests and customize the passing grade
- Schedule grand rounds, lectures, or other offline activities
- Report usage by resident, rotation, or timeframe
- Link out to primary references or other web-based resources

Through its Shared Library functionality, surgical program directors can choose to submit their curricula to a repository that enables other institutions to not only view – but also potentially adopt and modify – their curricular approach. More information on AccessSurgery's Custom Curriculum can also be found on <http://www.accesssurgery.com/coreCurriculum.aspx>.

For surgical residents, AccessSurgery's Custom Curriculum provides a coherent interface for explicitly tracking educational progress. For a given rotation, each resident knows exactly what is expected and monitors his or her own progress toward achieving that goal.

AccessSurgery, a media-rich resource, features the highest quality surgical videos from *Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons* and step-by-step procedural animations that complement leading reference content from McGraw-Hill, including:

- *Schwartz's Principles of Surgery, 8th Edition* (regularly updated)
- *CURRENT Surgical Diagnosis & Treatment, 12th Edition*
- *Maingot's Abdominal Operations, 11th Edition*
- *Zollinger's Atlas of Surgical Operations, 8th Edition*
- *Skandalakis' Surgical Anatomy*

About AccessSurgery and AccessMedicine

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