Latest Curriculum Reports Available on the CI Website

The AAMC Curriculum Inventory (CI) website has over 50 publicly available curriculum reports that come from two data sources: the AAMC CI, and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Annual Questionnaire, Part II. The AAMC CI reports include detailed curriculum data on content, structure, and delivery, while the LCME Questionnaire Part II includes data on curriculum policy and structure. Both data sources are voluntary, participation-based, and include AAMC-member medical schools.

Over the last year we at the AAMC have conducted an extensive internal review of these reports. Our updates include but are not limited to refreshing data charts with the latest available data, determining the best visual displays for each data chart, and updating the wording and titles in data charts as needed. We wanted to celebrate these updates by highlighting a few data charts for you as this major internal review comes to a close.

Take this example of data from the AAMC CI, which summarizes changes in the use of instructional methods over time.
The drop-down menu at the top of the chart lets you choose whichever instructional method you wish to examine more closely. A complete list of all possible instructional methods for the CI can be found here.

You can see the change in the proportional use of lecture compared to all other instructional methods in Academic Level 1 (light blue) has decreased slightly over the last few years. Additional details about each levels’ data appear as you hover over a section of the bar graph.

The option to print this chart in several different formats is available in the upper-right-hand corner. The option to export the aggregate data is available underneath the chart for those who wish to perform their own statistical analyses. This data is in aggregate form only, without school-specific identifiable information. Information about specific data source, number of participating schools, etc. are detailed at the bottom of the chart.

Here is a data report example from the LCME Questionnaire Part II.

![Data report example](image-url)

There is a drop-down menu to choose a specific topic area (e.g., evidence-based medicine, genetics, clinical skills, pharmacology, etc.), and which teaching formats (i.e., instructional methods) are used for...
that topic. We use the term “teaching formats” here because that is the phrase used in the Questionnaire.

Since specific questions in the LCME Questionnaire Part II are sometimes rotated on and off, or are discontinued, data on every question might not be available on an annual basis. If data isn’t presented for a specific year, it is because the question was not included in the Questionnaire that year. Details on the data available each year are listed at the bottom of the chart.

Similar to the AAMC CI data report, options to print and download data are accessible above and below the chart. You’ll notice some of our data charts have a section for “AAMC Resources Related to >>>>>” (in this case, evidence-based medicine), and “Related Reports”. These hyperlinks will take you to other reports and content related to your topic area of interest including resources in Academic Medicine, MedEdPORTAL, and PubMed. The queries have been reviewed by a professional librarian so you can be assured the searches are thorough and targeted.

You can use the search feature on our curriculum reports home page. You can also search by category (e.g., curricular content, instruction and assessment, etc.) if you’d like to explore what’s available.

Additional curriculum reports may be accessed through your CI School Portal. Further details about this function is explained in the March 2019 CI Newsletter. Beyond these reports, faculty from AAMC CI participating institutions can make free data requests here.

CI curriculum data reports will be continuously refreshed for better usage and ease of interpretation. We hope these curriculum data reports and charts are useful to you as you embark on maximizing the capabilities of your curriculum inventory and the LCME Questionnaire Part II data.

If you have any questions, please reach out to ci@aamc.org.

Onward!

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