The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) has developed procedures to solicit comments from third parties for the purposes of accreditation. These comments are used to evaluate programs and ensure compliance with accreditation standards.

Comment Solicitation:
- Comments should be emailed to the appropriate CODA staff. Staff emails are found at: https://coda.ada.org/en/accreditation/coda-membership/coda-staff
- Comments are accepted from faculty, students, program administrators, dental-related organizations, patients, and consumers. The deadline for comments is thirty (30) days prior to the site visit.

The United States Department of Education (USDE) procedures require accrediting agencies to provide an opportunity for third-party comment. This includes notifying the public of the upcoming site visit and providing a timeframe for comments. All comments must pertain to the standards for the particular program or policies and procedures used in the Commission’s accreditation process.

Responses:
- A written response from the program should be provided to the Commission office and the visiting committee at least fifteen (15) days prior to the site visit.
- All comments are reviewed by the visit committee. Adjustments may be necessary in the site visit schedule to allow discussion of comments. Unresolved issues related to the program’s compliance with accreditation standards will be reviewed by the visiting committee.

Notification of Third-Party Comments:
- Institutions are notified of the Commission’s planned site visit typically sixty (60) days in advance. The Commission encourages the solicitation of third-party comments at this time.

Program Review:
- Programs with the status of initial accreditation and programs seeking initial accreditation must solicit comment through the appropriate notification process.

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INSTITUTION: University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

PROGRAM(S) TO BE REVIEWED: Predoctoral Dental Education Program, Advanced Education Programs in Endodontics, Oral Medicine, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics/Orthodontics, and Periodontics

SITE VISIT DATE: September 20 – 22, 2022

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