

1. ***Develop and publicise an institutional statement*** – medical schools have done this in all four nations for organizational purposes and for accreditation, and they are publicised on many medical school web sites.

2. ***to cover missions, goals and objectives*** - these concepts are interpreted differently.

3. ***commitments to individuals and populations served*** - these are usually stated in very general and ill-defined terms, except for new schools established in rural or less-industrialized areas.

4. ***undergraduate and postgraduate education*** - Web sites generally give good details of admissions criteria, nature of programs and curricular detail. Postgraduate education is less well documented on web sites from outside North America.

5. ***research*** - this is well described for laboratory and clinical research, especially in large and well-established schools and academic medical centres, less well for population health research and educational research.

6. ***service*** - this is usually mentioned in general terms, and is stated in much detail for academic medical centres in the US that operate health care facilities

7. ***include strategies for evaluating progress towards the institution's objectives using individual and population-based outcomes*** - this is infrequently done as proposed.