

**Frequently Asked Questions: Gastroenterology
Review Committee for Internal Medicine
ACGME**

Question	Answer
Faculty	
<p>What qualifications does the Review Committee expect for a key clinical faculty (KCF) member to demonstrate that he or she has expertise and a primary focus in hepatology?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: II.B.7.a).(3)]</i></p>	<p>The Review Committee expects that at least one KCF member maintains clinical activity in hepatology and has at least one of the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a liver society member (e.g., American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, European Association for the Study of the Liver, etc); • has a record of scholarship in liver disease; • is American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)-certified in transplant hepatology; • is a United Network for Organ Sharing recognized transplant hepatologist; or, • has completed a transplant hepatology fellowship. <p>The program will need to provide evidence of this expertise in WebADS Annual Report – the CV portion of the faculty roster. <i>(July 2011 Review Committee meeting)*</i></p>
<p>What qualifications does the Review Committee expect for a KCF member to demonstrate that he or she has expertise in all aspects of endoscopy, including advanced procedures?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: II.B.7.a).(4)]</i></p>	<p>The Review Committee expects that at least one KCF member has achieved competence in endoscopy as defined by the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. Specifically, the individual should have performed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • between 180-200 ERCPs, of which greater than 50 percent are therapeutic, with an 80-90 percent technical success rate; and, • at least 240 endoscopic ultrasounds, which includes those of 75 mucosal tumors, 40 submucosal tumors, 75 pancreaticobiliary assessments, 25 non-pancreas fine needle aspirations (FNAs), and 25 pancreas FNAs. <p>The program will need to provide evidence of this expertise in the WebADS Annual Report – in the CV portion of the faculty roster. <i>(July 2011 Review Committee meeting)</i></p>

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Resources	
<p>Is it possible to start a gastroenterology fellowship without certain facilities located at the primary clinical site.</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: II.D.3.a)]</i></p>	<p>If fellowship has two or three participating sites to provide education for fellows (i.e., university, VA, community), then the Review Committee will accept certain facilities (i.e., an esophageal motility laboratory) at only one site if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fellows have required rotations that include experience in that facility; and, • fellows are able to easily obtain the necessary studies at the other site(s) lacking the facility.
Educational Program	
<p>Can the time fellows spend in continuity clinic count towards the required minimum 18 months of clinical experience?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: IV.A.6.a)]</i></p>	<p>No. Time spent in continuity clinic (one half-day weekly for 36 months) may not be used to reduce the 18 months of required clinical time.</p>
<p>Are block rotations mandatory to meet the five months of clinical experience required in hepatology?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: IV.A.6.a)]</i></p>	<p>No. Experience in hepatology can be integrated within other clinical rotations provided that in aggregate the experience is at least five months. However, if all of the hepatology experience is not provided as block rotations, then the program director must indicate how this experience is obtained (e.g., indicate the percentage of time spent interacting with hepatology patients on non-hepatology rotations).</p>
<p>What is the minimum Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) experience required for each fellow?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: IV.A.6.d).(3).(a)]</i></p>	<p>There is no requirement for a specific number of ERCP procedures.</p> <p>However, the nature and extent of this experience will be determined by the individual program director, who must ensure that fellows are provided with formal instruction and sufficient experience in the interpretation of ERCP to be able to order this study appropriately and interpret graduates'</p>

** Parenthetical dates following responses indicate the Review Committee meeting at which that FAQ was discussed and added to the document.
Note: the Review Committee for Internal Medicine began tracking additions of FAQs beginning in January 2011.*

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Appendix I

Review Committee for Internal Medicine Calculation of Minimum Key Clinical Faculty (KCF) and KCF Scholarship Participation/Productivity						
Gastroenterology						
Minimum 4 Key Clinical Faculty (KCF)* or 1:1.5 faculty-fellow ratio for programs with 7 or more fellows						
Approved Fellow Completion	Minimum Certified KCF (incl PD)	Minimum Hepatology KCF (incl PD)	Minimum Advanced Endoscopy KCF (incl PD)	Majority of Minimum KCF (50%)	PARTICIPATION KCF with at Least 1 SA in Past 3 Years [259]	PRODUCTIVITY Pubs for All KCF & non-KCF in Past 3 Years (1/yr x 3 yrs) [259]
2	4	1	1	2	2	6
3	4	1	1	2	2	6
4	4	1	1	2	2	6
5	4	1	1	2	2	6
6	4	1	1	2	2	6
7	5	1	1	3	3	9
8	6	1	1	3	3	9
9	6	1	1	3	3	9
10	7	1	1	4	4	12
11	8	1	1	4	4	12
12	8	1	1	4	4	12
13	9	1	1	5	5	15
14	10	1	1	5	5	15
15	10	1	1	5	5	15
16	11	1	1	6	6	18
17	12	1	1	6	6	18
18	12	1	1	6	6	18
19	13	1	1	7	7	21
20	14	1	1	7	7	21
21	14	1	1	7	7	21
22	15	1	1	8	8	24
23	16	1	1	8	8	24
24	16	1	1	8	8	24
25	17	1	1	9	9	27

The Review Committee requires that fellowship education occurs in an environment of inquiry, scholarship, and research productivity. The Review Committee requires that KCF demonstrate both *participation* and *productivity* in scholarship of discovery and dissemination as evidenced by:

- *Participation* Expectation: 50% of the certified, minimum-required-number of KCF must demonstrate at least one acceptable product of scholarship in the past three years. (See definition of acceptable products of scholarship below)
- *Productivity* Expectation: Total acceptable scholarly products for KCF and non-KCF (There must be at least one product per year x three years x the 50% of the minimum required KCF. The non-KCF are counted as long as they contribute to fellow education and devote at least 10 hours a week to the program.

Acceptable Products of Scholarship
The Review Committee defines acceptable products of scholarship as follows:

- Publication of original research manuscripts in a peer-review journal
- Publication of a review article in a peer-review journal
- Publication of an editorial in a peer-review journal
- Publication of a book chapter published in medical textbooks (full citation required including publisher and date)
 - This includes chapters published in specialty society review texts, such as MKSAP, NephSAP, ACCSAP, the Geriatrics Review Syllabus, etc.
- Publication of a case report indexed in PubMed
 - A copy of the case report must be included
 - Case reports published as an abstract, letter, correspondence, or illustration do not count
- Peer-review funding of research such as NIH, NCI, or other external funding organizations
- In press or accepted for publication in a peer-review journal

The following *will not* fulfill requirements for scholarship:

- Submitted or in preparation
- Abstracts, letters-to-editor, correspondence, or illustrations
- Case reports published as an abstract, letter, correspondence, or illustration
- Non-peer-review publications
- Non-peer review funding, such as industry funding, or internal institutional funding, or multicenter industry funding, or other non-peer-review grant
 - Exception: Pharmaceutical studies in which the KCF is the overall PI (lead investigator) for all sites will be accepted as counting as one product of scholarship

The Review Committee expanded its expectation for *participation* in scholarship to include the "Acceptable *Products of Scholarship*" as listed above, as well as the following:

- Presentations at national, international or regional meetings
- Leadership roles in national medical organizations or serving as a reviewers or editorial board members for peer-reviewed journals

This broadened expectation does not extend to scholarly *productivity*. Scholarly *products* are limited to what appears above under the title "Acceptable *Products of Scholarship*."

Summary/Example:

- For an application for a new six-fellow endocrinology program there must be four KCF (which includes the program director).
- In order to meet the *Participation* Expectation, two of the four KCF must have evidence of a scholarly project or activity from the last three calendar years.
- In order to meet the *Productivity* Expectation, there must be at least six scholarly products across the KCF and non-KCF.

Note:

- Publications with several KCF as authors can only be counted once
- "Last three calendar years" means that the Review Committee will count the scholarly products (as defined above) from 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 for an application that is submitted in 2014.