Instructions for Anesthesiology Programs Requesting the Addition of a Clinical Base Year (CBY) to an Existing 3-year Accredited Residency

MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED:

Attachment A: Clinical Base Year Information Form

Attachment B: Provide specific goals and objectives (competency-based terminology) for each block rotation and indicate assessment tools that will be utilized.

Attachment C: Include a description of both clinical and didactic experiences that will be provided (lectures, conferences, grand rounds, journal clubs).

Attachment D: Provide an explanation of how residents will evaluate these experiences as well as supervising faculty members.

Attachment E: Provide a one-page CV for the key supervising faculty.

Attachment F: Clarify the role of the resident during each of the program components listed.
1) Definition of Clinical Base Year (CBY)
   a) 12 months of ‘broad education in medical disciplines relevant to the practice of anesthesiology’
   b) capability to provide the Clinical Base Year within the same institution is desirable but not required for accreditation.

2) Timing of CBY
   a) usually precedes training in clinical anesthesia
   b) strongly recommended that the CBY be completed before the resident begins the CA-2 year
   c) must be completed before the resident begins the CA-3 year

3) Routes of entry into Anesthesiology program
   a) **Categorical program** - Resident matches into categorical program (includes CB year, approved by RRC as part of the accredited anesthesiology residency program)
      1. Anesthesiology PD must maintain oversight for all rotations on the services that are used for the CBY and
      2. Anesthesiology PD must approve the rotations for individual residents
      3. Evaluations - each clinical service must provide written evaluation of the resident’s performance at the end of the rotation
   
   b) **Advanced program** - Resident matches into advanced program with separate CBY in another accredited program (eg, a Transitional Year program or a PGY-1 experience in another specialty)
      1. Anesthesiology PD must receive from the CBY program director the resident’s written performance evaluation quarterly during the CBY
      2. Acceptance into the CA-1 year depends on the resident demonstrating satisfactory abilities on these written evaluations

   c) **Transfer** - Resident begins training in a non-anesthesiology specialty, and seeks to transfer into anesthesiology
      i) Transfer residents (a portion of residency training performed prior to enrollment in Anesthesiology program)
         1. Anesthesiology PD must receive written verification of previous educational experiences and a statement regarding the performance evaluation of the transferring resident prior to his/her acceptance into the program
         2. Anesthesiology PD must determine whether resident has successfully completed all required CB rotations, and if not, must schedule remaining rotation(s) to be completed according to timing requirements above

4) **CBY rotations**:
   a) at least 6 months must include experience in caring for inpatients in internal medicine, pediatrics, surgery, or any of the surgical specialties, obstetrics and gynecology, neurology, family medicine, or any combination of these
b) there should be rotations in critical care and emergency medicine, with at least one month, but no more than two months, devoted to each

c) up to one month may be taken in anesthesiology
d) each month of training may be counted only once
e) rotations should ensure continuity of teaching and clinical experience

f) CBY competencies are detailed in Program Requirements
IV. PATIENT CARE

A. Clinical Base Year (PR Intro.B.2.a)

1. Will your program offer a CBY? ................................................................. YES □  NO □

   If yes, for each rotation or experience below, specify the duration (in months,
   four weeks = one month) during the CBY.
   Caring for inpatients in:
   - Internal medicine
   - Pediatrics
   - Surgery or other surgical specialties
   - Obstetrics and gynecology
   - Neurology
   - Family Medicine

   Rotations in:
   - Critical Care
   - Emergency Medicine
   - Anesthesiology
   - Pain Medicine

2. Will all residents entering the CA -1 year complete each of the CBY requirements?
   ....................................................................................................................... YES □  NO □

   If no, please explain._________________________________________________________

3. Will all residents entering the CA–1 year achieve the clinical skills competencies of the CBY?
   ..................................................................................................................... YES □  NO □