The Review Committee for Internal Medicine has identified the most frequent areas of non-compliance associated with an “Accreditation Withheld” action for subspecialty applications.

1. The program director is not American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)-certified in the subspecialty area.
2. The program director does not dedicate sufficient professional time to the program (at least 20 hours per week).
3. There are fewer than the minimum required number of key clinical faculty members ABIM-certified in the subspecialty area.
4. There is inadequate key clinical faculty member scholarship (either productivity or participation).
5. There is insufficient evidence of institutional support or stability.
6. There is inadequate clinical time.
7. The conference schedule is not clearly organized to demonstrate that it includes the minimum required conference types and the content areas defined in the Program Requirements.
8. There are inadequate patient volumes, where specialty minimums are required (e.g., transplant volume in nephrology).
9. There are inadequate procedural volumes.
10. There is no evidence that a required clinical rotation is being provided.