Thoracic Surgery Integrated Residency
Criteria for Application
Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery

Institutions applying for an integrated program format must address the criteria outlined below.

1. An institution applying for an integrated program format must sponsor both an existing independent program and a general surgery program. Each of these existing programs must have a current accreditation status of Continued Accreditation in order for the Review Committee to consider the application.

2. The institution must maintain both program formats after an integrated program is approved, at least until the integrated program has matured to have residents filling the advanced education years (Years 4, 5, and 6).

3. While the independent program must be maintained until the integrated program matures to fill senior level positions, and may continue in parallel with the integrated program, the total number of graduating positions (for both programs) must not exceed the maximum complement of the independent program without Review Committee approval.

4. A Thoracic Surgery New Application must be completed, following the instructions at http://acgme.org/acgmeweb/Portals/0/ApplicationInstructions.pdf, and must be submitted according to those same instructions.

5. All applications for integrated program accreditation must include letters of support from program directors/chiefs of service/department heads for the services that will support rotations.

Note:
• As part of the application process, all programs applying for an integrated residency format will receive a site visit.

• When integrated programs are approved, they receive a separate program number, distinct from their independent program number.