### ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education
in Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine

**Summary and Impact of Major Requirement Revisions**

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<td>The sponsoring institution and participating sites must provide at least 25 percent salary support or equivalent protected time for program directors. (Core)</td>
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1. **Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:** The Review Committee determined that the Program Requirements should define program director support for their commitment to teaching.

2. **How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?** No impact

3. **How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?** No impact

4. **Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how?** Similar to the support requirements for the Committee’s other one-year fellowship in emergency medical services, 25 percent support was deemed appropriate. This requirement will have a financial impact on those Sponsoring Institutions that either relied solely on other sources, such as billing for hyperbaric services, or those institutions that provided support of less than 25 percent.

5. **How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs?** No impact

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<td>Requirement Revision (significant change only):</td>
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<td>at least three years’ experience as a core physician faculty member in an ACGME-accredited emergency medicine, preventive medicine, or undersea and hyperbaric medicine program. (Core)</td>
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1. **Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:** The Review Committee feels that the administration and oversight of a successful GME program is a complex task. The Committee determined that requiring new program director candidates to have at least three years of prior GME experience as a faculty member will ensure that they have the background and experience necessary to lead a program that is compliant with the Program Requirements.

2. **How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?** Requiring new program director candidates to have a GME background as a faculty member will ensure that fellows have the best opportunity for a stable learning environment and an optimal learning experience.
3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care? **No impact**

4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how? **No impact**

5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs? **No impact**

**Requirement #: II.C**

**Requirement Revision (significant change only):**

At a minimum, there must be at least one 0.2 FTE program coordinator dedicated to the fellowship program administration. *(Core)*

1. Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision: The Review Committee determined that the Program Requirements should define administrative support for a program coordinator.

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality? **No Impact**

3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care? **No Impact**

4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how? Similar to the support requirements for the Committee’s other one-year fellowship in emergency medical services, 0.2 FTE program coordinator support was deemed appropriate. This requirement will have a financial impact on those Sponsoring Institutions/programs that had no coordinator support. However, the financial impact will be minimal, as the support can be provided by sharing administrative resources already in the department.

5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs? **No Impact**

**Requirement #: IV.B.1 – IV.B.2.c**

**Requirement Revision (significant change only):**

The curriculum must advance fellows' knowledge of the basic principles of research, including how research is conducted, evaluated, explained to patients, and applied to patient care. *(Core)*

Fellows must participate in scholarly activity that includes at least one of the following:

- Peer-reviewed funding and research; *(Outcome)*
- Publication of original research or review articles; or, *(Outcome)*
- Presentations at local, regional, or national professional and scientific society meetings. *(Outcome)*

1. Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision: The Review Committee
determined that more defined scholarly activity expectations were needed, similar to those defined for other related subspecialties.

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality? **No Impact**

3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care? **No Impact**

4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how? **No Impact**

5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs? **No Impact**