

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.

**Information about
Anesthesiology Clinical Base Year
ACGME RRC Program Requirements 7/08**

- 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

ATTACHMENT A

CLINICAL BASE YEAR INFORMATION

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	<input type="text"/>
Pediatrics	<input type="text"/>
Surgery or other surgical specialties	<input type="text"/>
Obstetrics and gynecology	<input type="text"/>
Neurology	<input type="text"/>
Family Medicine	<input type="text"/>

Rotations in:

Critical Care	<input type="text"/>
Emergency Medicine	<input type="text"/>
Anesthesiology	<input type="text"/>
Pain Medicine	<input type="text"/>

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