

**Specialty-specific Requirements for PG-1 or Clinical Base Year (CBY) and Frequency of Resident Evaluations**  
**Updated September 2010**

<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>PG-1 or CLINICAL BASE YEAR (CNY) Requirements</b>	<b>FREQUENCY OF RESIDENT EVALUATION</b>
<b>Anesthesiology</b> Effective 7/2008	<p>One year of the resident's total training must be the Clinical Base Year, which should provide the resident with 12 months of broad education in medical disciplines relevant to the practice of anesthesiology. The Clinical Base Year usually precedes training in clinical anesthesia. It is strongly recommended that the Clinical Base Year be completed before the resident begins the CA-2 year; the Clinical Base Year, however, must be completed before the resident begins the CA-3 year.</p> <p>At least six months of the Clinical Base Year rotations 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. In addition, there should be rotations in critical care and emergency medicine, with at least one month, but no more than two months, devoted to each. Up to one month may be taken in anesthesiology. Rotations should ensure continuity of teaching and clinical experience. Each month of training may be counted only once. For example, a rotation in a pediatric intensive care unit may count as either a month in pediatrics or a month in critical care medicine.</p>	<p>When the resident obtains the CBY in another accredited program (e.g., a Transitional Year program or a PGY-1 experience in another specialty), the anesthesiology program director must receive from the CBY program director the resident's written performance evaluation quarterly during the CBY. Acceptance into the CA-1 year depends on the resident demonstrating satisfactory abilities on these written evaluations. This requirement pertains to the resident who has been accepted into an anesthesiology program before starting the CBY. For information concerning residents who transfer from a residency in another specialty or from another anesthesiology residency, refer to Sec. III.C. Resident Transfers.</p>
<b>Dermatology</b> Effective 7/2007	<p>A dermatology residency may be accredited to offer either three or four years of graduate medical education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A three-year program is preceded by a broad-based clinical year of training (PGY-1) in a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or similar program accredited in Canada.</li> <li>b) A four-year program must provide a broad-based clinical experience during the first year and three years of dermatology education in the second through fourth year of the program.</li> </ul>	<p>The program must provide each resident with documented semiannual evaluation of performance with feedback.</p>
<b>Emergency Medicine</b> Effective 7/2007	<p>Clinical Base Year curriculum not specified.</p>	<p>The program must provide each resident with documented semiannual evaluation of performance with feedback.</p>
<b>Family Medicine</b> Effective 7/2007	<p>Clinical Base Year curriculum not specified.</p>	<p>The program must provide each resident with documented semiannual evaluation of performance with feedback.</p>
<b>Internal Medicine</b> Effective 7/2009	<p>Clinical Base Year curriculum not specified.</p>	<p>The program must provide each resident with documented semiannual evaluation of performance with feedback This includes formal evaluations of knowledge, skills, and professional growth of residents and required counseling by the program director or designee.</p>

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<b>Neurology</b> Effective 7/2010	<p>A complete neurology residency requires 48 months of training. Approved residencies in neurology must provide at least 36 months of this education. The program meeting these requirements may be of two types:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Programs that provide four years of residency education including a broad clinical experience in general internal medicine, or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Programs that provide three years of residency education where all the residents will have had an initial first year of graduate education accredited by the ACGME or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada that includes a broad clinical experience in general internal medicine.</p>	<p>The program must provide each resident with documented semiannual evaluation of performance with feedback.</p>
<b>Ophthalmology</b> Effective 7/2009	<p>All applicants entering ophthalmology training programs must have taken a post-graduate clinical year (PGY-1) in a program accredited by either the ACGME or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. The PGY-1 year must include training in which the resident has primary responsibility for patient care in fields such as internal medicine, neurology, pediatrics, surgery, family medicine, or emergency medicine. At minimum, six months of this year must be a broad experience in direct patient care.</p>	<p>The program must provide each resident with documented semiannual evaluation of performance with feedback.</p>

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<b>PM&amp;R</b> Effective 7/2007	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Physicians seeking specialization in this field must complete four years of graduate medical education, three years of which must be physical medicine and rehabilitation training. Of these three years no more than six months can be elective. No more than one month of this elective time may be taken in a non-ACGME accredited program, unless prior approval is given by the Review Committee.</li> <li>2) One year of the four years' training will develop fundamental clinical skills. This year of training in fundamental clinical skills must consist of an accredited transitional year program or include at least six months in accredited training in family medicine, internal medicine, emergency medicine, obstetrics-gynecology, pediatrics, or surgery, or any combination of these patient care experiences. The remaining months of this year may include any combination of accredited specialties or subspecialties.</li> <li>3) Accredited training in any of the specialties or subspecialties selected must be for a period of at least four weeks. No more than eight weeks may be in non-direct patient care experiences, such as pathology, radiology and research. Training in fundamental clinical skills must be completed within the first two years of the four year training program.</li> <li>4) Training programs may provide either three or four years training.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A training program of three years duration is responsible for the thirty-six months of physical medicine and rehabilitation training and for assuring that residents appointed at the PG-2 level have received satisfactory training in fundamental clinical skills.</li> <li>b) A training program of four years duration is responsible for the quality of the integrated educational experience for the entire training program, including twelve months of training in fundamental clinical skills which may not include more than four weeks of physical medicine and rehabilitation.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>The program must provide each resident with documented semiannual evaluation of performance with feedback.</p>

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<b>Diagnostic Radiology</b> Effective 7/2010	<p>1) Resident education in diagnostic radiology must include five years of clinically oriented graduate medical education, of which four years must be in diagnostic radiology.</p> <p>2) Clinical Year</p> <p>This year must consist of training accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or equivalent organization in internal medicine, pediatrics, surgery or surgical specialties, obstetrics and gynecology, neurology, family medicine, emergency medicine, or any combination of these. The clinical year may also comprise a transitional year accredited by the ACGME or equivalent organization.</p> <p>During the clinical year, elective rotations in diagnostic radiology must occur only in radiology departments with an ACGME accredited diagnostic radiology residency program and cannot exceed two months.</p> <p>If the clinical year is offered by the institution of the core residency, and is not a stand alone ACGME-accredited year, the program director will be responsible for assuring the quality of the year.</p> <p>The program director is responsible for verifying that the resident accepted into the diagnostic radiology program has successfully completed the clinical year.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED PG-1 Curriculum</b></p> <p>6 months of Internal Medicine, General Surgery, OB-GYN, and/or Pediatrics (One month of which should be an ICU experience)</p> <p>1 month Emergency Medicine</p> <p>1 month Ambulatory experience</p> <p>No more than 2 months Radiology electives (must be ACGME-accredited program)</p> <p>Other electives: Cardiology, Pulmonology, GI, Rheumatology, Neurology, Orthopedics, Neurosurgery, ENT, Urology, and/or Anatomic Pathology</p>	<p>The <u>faculty</u> must evaluate resident performance in a timely manner during each rotation or similar educational assignment, and document this evaluation at completion of the assignment.</p> <p>The <u>program</u> must provide each resident with documented semiannual evaluation of performance with feedback.</p>
<b>Radiation Oncology</b> Effective 1/2009	<p>Resident education in radiation oncology must include five years of accredited, clinically-oriented graduate medical education. The first year of postgraduate clinical training must be spent in internal medicine, family medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, surgery or surgical specialties, pediatrics, or a transitional year program. This PGY-1 year must include at least nine months of direct patient care in medical and/or surgical specialties other than radiation oncology. This clinical experience must then be followed by four years focused in radiation oncology.</p>	<p>The program must provide each resident with documented semiannual evaluation of performance with feedback.</p>