

Frequently Asked Questions: Medical Biochemical Genetics
Review Committees for Medical Genetics and Pathology
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Question	Answer
Duty Hours	
<p>Are there situations in which fellows can be supervised by licensed independent practitioners?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: VI.D.1.]</i></p>	<p>Genetic counselors may, on occasion, supervise fellows in unique educational settings within the scope of their licensure. Oversight by a physician faculty member during these situations is required.</p>
<p>How does the Review Committee define “intermediary metabolism” with respect to the duty hour requirements?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: VI.E.]</i></p>	<p>Intermediary metabolism is any enzyme-catalyzed process within cells that metabolizes macronutrients, carbohydrate, fat, and protein. Examples include aminoacidopathies, organic acidemias, fatty acid oxidation disorders, and disorders of carbohydrate metabolism. This would not include mitochondrial disorders or lysosomal storage disorders.</p>
<p>What roles must fellows have in the interprofessional health care team?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: VI.F.]</i></p>	<p>As a member of the interprofessional health care team, fellows must have key roles in diagnostic work-up, treatment decisions, measurement of treatment outcomes, and the communication and coordination of these activities with program faculty members and referring sources.</p>
<p>What are examples of circumstances when fellows could stay on duty with fewer than eight hours free of duty?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: VI.G.5.c).(1)]</i></p>	<p>Circumstances under which fellows may stay on duty with fewer than eight hours free of duty may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) providing care for acutely-ill metabolic patients b) providing end-of-life care for a patient assigned to the fellow, including providing support to the family c) a unique opportunity to learn about a rare genetic condition d) an immediate need to obtain appropriate genetic or metabolic samples prior to demise

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