

Policies and Procedures for Residency Education in the Subspecialties of Diagnostic Radiology

Subspecialty programs must be administratively linked to an accredited core residency program in diagnostic radiology. (The only exception is pediatric radiology, as discussed below.) An application for accreditation of a new subspecialty program will be considered only if the core program has full accreditation. An application will not be accepted for review if the core program in diagnostic radiology is accredited on a provisional or a probationary basis, or if it has been accredited with a warning that adverse action will be taken if it is not in substantial compliance with the Essentials of Accredited Residencies in Graduate Medical Education at the time of the next review.

A subspecialty program in pediatric radiology may not necessarily be administratively linked to an accredited core residency program in diagnostic radiology if the pediatric radiology program is conducted in a children's hospital. In such a case, the subspecialty program may be considered free-standing and, therefore, not required to be under the sponsorship of a diagnostic radiology residency program.

Subspecialty programs will be designated as "accredited" or "non-accredited." No other delineation of accreditation categories will be used. The accreditation status of the subspecialty program will be directly related to that of the core diagnostic radiology program, as follows:

Subspecialty programs may be cited for deficiencies and advised that either the deficiencies must be corrected by the specified time or accreditation will be withdrawn regardless of the accreditation status of the associated diagnostic radiology program.

If the associated diagnostic radiology program is accredited on a probationary basis, or accredited with a warning that adverse action will be taken, the subspecialty program will be informed that its accreditation status is also in jeopardy. Thereafter, accreditation of the subspecialty programs will be withdrawn if the Residency Review Committee finds that the sponsoring institution(s) is (are) not making satisfactory progress in addressing the adverse accreditation status of the core diagnostic radiology program.

Withdrawal of accreditation of the core diagnostic radiology residency program will result in simultaneous withdrawal of accreditation of the subspecialty program.

In the case of withholding of accreditation or withdrawing accreditation of subspecialty programs, the Procedures for Proposed Adverse Actions and the Procedures for Appeal of Adverse Actions apply.

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