

**ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education
in Otolaryngology
Summary and Impact of Focused Requirement Revisions**

Requirement #: IV.A.6.b).(1).(b)-IV.A.6.b).(1).(b).(ii)

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

IV.A.6.b).(1).(b) Rotations must be selected from the following: anesthesia, emergency medicine, general surgery, neurological surgery, neuroradiology, ophthalmology, oral-maxillofacial surgery, pediatric surgery, plastic surgery, ~~and~~ radiation oncology, and vascular surgery. ^(Core)

IV.A.6.b).(1).(b).(i) This must include an surgical or medical intensive care rotation. ^(Core)

IV.A.6.b).(1).(b).(ii) Night float rotations are not permitted. ^(Core)

1. Describe the Review Committee's rationale for this revision:

The proposed revision to the PGY-1 requirements for the six months of non-otolaryngology rotations is the Committee's response to feedback from programs requesting additional flexibility in the curriculum. Specifically, after careful consideration, the Committee agreed emergency medicine and vascular surgery rotations can provide good educational experiences that will ensure PGY-1 residents meet the expectations for clinical and didactic activities as specified in IV.A.6.a).(1)-(5). In addition, the Committee wished to clarify both surgical and medical ICU experiences are acceptable for the required intensive care rotation. While the current Requirements implied night float rotations are not permitted, the Committee wished to make this clear by definitively stating it as a requirement.

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?

The list of non-otolaryngology specialty rotation options has been expanded in order to permit programs more flexibility to take advantage of the resources available at their institutions to provide the best educational experiences for their residents. The goal continues to be a greater emphasis on and assessment of essential surgical and non-surgical basic skills acquisition during the PGY-1.

3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?

The proposed revisions should have no impact on the continuity of patient care, which is currently an emphasis in all otolaryngology residency programs.

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 additional resource needs are anticipated.

5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs?

No impact on other accredited programs is anticipated.