

Residency Review Committee for Internal Medicine Policies for the Subspecialties of Internal Medicine

In all cases of accreditation, withholding accreditation or withdrawing accreditation of subspecialty programs, the ACGME Policies and Procedures for Proposed Adverse Actions and the Procedures for Appeal of Adverse Actions apply.

Additionally, the internal medicine subspecialty programs, as defined by the Residency Review Committee for Internal Medicine (RC-IM), will be subject to the following actions or procedures:

- a.** Application for combined subspecialty training programs such as hematology and oncology or pulmonary disease and critical care medicine may require a site visit if the application is based on an existing subspecialty program at the institution (i.e. an existing pulmonary program and a submitted application for a combined pulmonary/critical care medicine program).
- b.** If the primary subspecialty program is accredited with a warning, then the dependent secondary subspecialty program(s) shall also be warned.
- c.** If the primary subspecialty program is accredited with a warning, an adverse action may be taken if the program is not in substantial compliance with the program requirements at the time of the next scheduled review. If an adverse action is proposed at the time of the next scheduled review of the primary subspecialty program, the linked secondary subspecialty program(s) (eg, cardiovascular disease and clinical cardiac electrophysiology or gastroenterology and transplant hepatology) will be informed that its accreditation status is in jeopardy. Further, accreditation of the secondary subspecialty program(s) will be administratively withdrawn if the RC-IM withdraws accreditation of the primary subspecialty program.