

**Reference for Designated Institutional Officials and  
Institutional Review Coordinators:  
Residency-Dependent and  
-Independent Subspecialty (Fellowship) Programs  
Institutional Review Committee**

ACGME-accredited subspecialty (fellowship) programs are either residency dependent (associated with a core residency program in the same Sponsoring Institution), or residency independent (unassociated with a core residency program in the same Sponsoring Institution). Each ACGME specialty Review Committee determines whether accredited programs in a particular subspecialty must be residency dependent.

This reference document indicates Review Committee determinations of whether subspecialty (fellowship) programs (1) are always residency dependent, (2) are always residency independent, or (3) are residency dependent except in limited circumstances.

Questions regarding program dependence or independence should be directed to the staff of the respective ACGME Review Committee, whose contact information can be found on the applicable specialty's section of the ACGME website.

ACGME Review Committee	Subspecialty	Must subspecialty programs be residency dependent?			If "Yes, With Exceptions," Criteria for Residency Independence
		Yes, Always	No	Yes, With Exceptions	
Anesthesiology	Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology	X			
Anesthesiology	Clinical Informatics	X			
Anesthesiology	Critical Care Medicine	X			
Anesthesiology	Hospice and Palliative Medicine	X			
Anesthesiology	Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine	X			
Anesthesiology	Pain Medicine	X			
Anesthesiology	Obstetric Anesthesiology	X			
Anesthesiology	Pediatric Anesthesiology	X			
Dermatology	Dermatopathology	X			
Dermatology	Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology	X			
Dermatology	Pediatric Dermatology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Dermatology.
Emergency Medicine	Emergency Medical Services			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Emergency Medicine.
Emergency Medicine	Medical Toxicology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Emergency Medicine.
Emergency Medicine	Pediatric Emergency Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Emergency Medicine.
Emergency Medicine	Sports Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Emergency Medicine.
Emergency Medicine	Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Emergency Medicine.
Family Medicine	Clinical Informatics	X			

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Family Medicine	Geriatric Medicine	X			
Family Medicine	Hospice and Palliative Medicine	X			
Family Medicine	Sports Medicine	X			
Internal Medicine	Adult Congenital Heart Disease			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Cardiovascular Disease			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Clinical Informatics			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Critical Care Medicine			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Gastroenterology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Geriatric Medicine			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.

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Internal Medicine	Hematology and Medical Oncology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Hospice and Palliative Medicine			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Infectious Disease			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Interventional Cardiology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Nephrology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Pulmonary Disease			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Rheumatology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Sleep Medicine			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Transplant Hepatology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Medical Genetics and Genomics	Clinical Informatics	X			

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Medical Genetics and Genomics	Medical Biochemical Genetics	X			
Medical Genetics and Genomics	Molecular Genetic Pathology	X			
Neurological Surgery	Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology	X			
Neurology	Brain Injury Medicine	X			
Neurology	Clinical Neurophysiology	X			
Neurology	Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology	X			
Neurology	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	X			
Neurology	Neuromuscular Medicine	X			
Neurology	Sleep Medicine	X			
Neurology	Vascular Neurology	X			
Neurology	Pain Medicine	X			
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery			X	1) There must be at least one other ACGME-accredited program in the Sponsoring Institution. 2) The learning environment must demonstrate a strong commitment to clinical education and research. 3) The program director and faculty must demonstrate clinical and scholarly expertise.
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Gynecologic Oncology			X	1) There must be at least one other ACGME-accredited program in the Sponsoring Institution. 2) The learning environment must demonstrate a strong commitment to clinical education and research. 3) The program director and faculty must demonstrate clinical and scholarly expertise.
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Maternal-Fetal Medicine			X	1) There must be at least one other ACGME-accredited program in the Sponsoring Institution. 2) The learning environment must demonstrate a strong commitment to clinical education and research. 3) The program director and faculty must demonstrate clinical and scholarly expertise.

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Obstetrics and Gynecology	Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility			X	1) There must be at least one other ACGME-accredited program in the Sponsoring Institution. 2) The learning environment must demonstrate a strong commitment to clinical education and research. 3) The program director and faculty must demonstrate clinical and scholarly expertise.
Ophthalmology	Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Ophthalmology.
Orthopaedic Surgery	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedics		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Foot and Ankle Orthopaedics		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Hand Surgery		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Musculoskeletal Oncology		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Orthopaedic Sports Medicine		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Orthopaedic Surgery of the Spine		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Orthopaedic Trauma		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Pediatric Orthopaedics		X		
Otolaryngology	Neurotology		X		
Otolaryngology	Pediatric Otolaryngology		X		
Pathology	Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine			X	Submit specialty-specific application to ED, along with rationale and information as to how resident training will occur without having an ACGME-accredited pathology program at the institution.
Pathology	Clinical Informatics	X			
Pathology	Chemical Pathology	X			

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Pathology	Cytopathology	X			
Pathology	Dermatopathology			X	Submit specialty-specific application to the executive director, along with rationale and information as to how resident education will occur without having an ACGME-accredited pathology program at the institution.
Pathology	Forensic Pathology			X	Submit specialty-specific application to the executive director, along with rationale and information as to how resident education will occur without having an ACGME-accredited pathology program at the institution.
Pathology	Hematopathology	X			
Pathology	Medical Microbiology	X			
Pathology	Molecular Genetic Pathology	X			
Pathology	Neuropathology	X			
Pathology	Pediatric Pathology			X	Submit specialty-specific application to ED, along with rationale and information as to how resident training will occur without having an ACGME-accredited pathology program at the institution.
Pathology	Selective Pathology			X	Submit specialty-specific application to ED, along with rationale and information as to how resident training will occur without having an ACGME-accredited pathology program at the institution.
Pediatrics	Adolescent Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Child Abuse Pediatrics			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.

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Pediatrics	Clinical Informatics			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Hospice and Palliative Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Cardiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Critical Care Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Emergency Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Endocrinology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Gastroenterology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Hematology/Oncology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.



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Pediatrics	Pediatric Infectious Diseases			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Medical Toxicology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Nephrology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Pulmonology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Rheumatology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Sports Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Transplant Hepatology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Sleep Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Pediatrics for programs based in specialized institutions.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Brain Injury Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for programs based in specialized institutions.

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Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Neuromuscular Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for programs based in specialized institutions.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Spinal Cord Injury Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for programs based in specialized institutions.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Pediatric Rehabilitation			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for programs based in specialized institutions.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Sports Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for programs based in specialized institutions.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Pain Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for programs based in specialized institutions.
Plastic Surgery	Craniofacial Surgery		X		
Plastic Surgery	Hand Surgery		X		
Preventive Medicine	Clinical Informatics		X		
Preventive Medicine	Medical Toxicology		X		
Preventive Medicine	Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine		X		
Psychiatry	Addiction Psychiatry	X			
Psychiatry	Brain Injury Medicine	X			

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Psychiatry	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Psychiatry.
Psychiatry	Forensic Psychiatry	X			
Psychiatry	Geriatric Psychiatry	X			
Psychiatry	Hospice and Palliative Medicine	X			
Psychiatry	Psychosomatic Medicine	X			
Psychiatry	Sleep Medicine	X			
Radiation Oncology	Hospice and Palliative Medicine		X		
Radiology-Diagnostic	Abdominal Radiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Radiology.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Clinical Informatics			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Radiology.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Radiology.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Musculoskeletal Radiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Radiology.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Neuroradiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Radiology.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Nuclear Radiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Radiology.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Pediatric Radiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Radiology.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Vascular and Interventional Radiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Review Committee for Radiology.
Surgery	Complex General Surgical Oncology		X		
Surgery	Hand Surgery		X		

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Surgery	Pediatric Surgery		X		
Surgery	Surgical Critical Care		X		
Surgery	Vascular Surgery		X		
Thoracic Surgery	Congenital Cardiac Surgery		X		
Urology	Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery			X	Submit a letter to the executive director that includes: (1) educational rationale for the fellowship to be residency-independent and (2) attestation that the program requirements have been reviewed and the program has in place the resources needed to meet the requirements.
Urology	Pediatric Urology			X	Submit a letter to the executive director that includes: (1) educational rationale for the fellowship to be residency-independent and (2) attestation that the program requirements have been reviewed and the program has in place the resources needed to meet the requirements.