

Frequently Asked Questions: Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology
Review Committee for Anesthesiology
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Question	Answer
Program Personnel and Resources	
<p>How much time and what activities are included in the 50 percent of the program director's time that must be spent in adult cardiothoracic anesthesiology?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: II.A.3.e]</i></p>	<p>Assuming a five-day work week on an annual aggregate, for at least 2.5 days a week the program director must be involved in adult cardiothoracic anesthesiology. This time can include direct patient care, or educational activities in adult cardiothoracic anesthesiology, such as administering the fellowship program or teaching fellows in non-clinical settings and conducting research.</p>
Educational Program	
<p>Who is included in the multidisciplinary team for patient safety and patient care quality?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: IV.A.2.f).(1)]</i></p>	<p>The multidisciplinary team is the cardiothoracic team that includes surgeons, nurses, anesthesiologists, and other staff members in the intensive care unit (ICU) or the operating room.</p>
<p>How should fellows assign cases to the cardiac procedure categories?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: IV.A.3.a).(1).(d)]</i></p>	<p>Fellows must have at least two procedures that fulfill two separate categories. Fellows must not use one case to fulfill multiple categories. For example, a heart transplant should be counted as either the surgical procedure or the placement of a circulatory assist device, but not both.</p>
<p>Must the presentation or publication of fellows' scholarly activity occur before completion of the fellowship?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: IV.B.1.a)]</i></p>	<p>No. The fellow's involvement in the project must begin or continue during the fellowship, but the presentation or publication can occur after the fellowship has been completed.</p>
The Learning and Working Environment	
<p>Does the Review Committee limit the maximum number of consecutive weeks of night float?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: VI.F.6.]</i></p>	<p>No. The Review Committee recognizes that under certain circumstances, fellows may derive benefit from night float work, but the benefit should be clear to and understood by both faculty and fellows. During an accreditation review, the Review Committee will determine whether fellows on night float are able to take advantage of educational sessions and other opportunities offered during regular daytime hours. If the Committee determines that fellows derive little benefit from night float or are not able to participate in other educational sessions as a result of night call responsibilities, the program may be cited for inadequate educational experience on the respective rotation.</p>