

Frequently Asked Questions: Diagnostic Radiology Subspecialties
(Abdominal, Musculoskeletal, Neuroradiology, Pediatric, and Vascular Interventional)
Review Committee for Diagnostic Radiology
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Question	Answer
The Learning and Working Environment	
<p>Can fellows be supervised by licensed independent practitioners?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: VI.A.2.a).(1)]</i></p>	<p>Only licensed physicians who are credentialed to perform imaging procedures may have primary responsibility for supervising the imaging aspects of patient care.</p>
<p>What does the Review Committee consider an optimal clinical workload for fellows?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: VI.E.1.]</i></p>	<p>Optimal clinical workload must maximize fellows' learning experience without compromising patient care. The number and distribution of cases will vary with the responsibility appropriate to each fellow's demonstrated competence over the course of his or her education. Program directors must determine minimum and maximum patient loads by including faculty members' and fellows' input into an assessment of the learning environment, including patient safety, fellow education, severity and complexity of patient illness/condition, and available support services.</p> <p>Both insufficient patient experiences and excessive patient loads may jeopardize the quality of fellow education.</p>
<p>Who should be included in the interprofessional teams?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: VI.E.2.]</i></p>	<p>All interprofessional team members must participate in the education of fellows, and team members include ancillary personnel, attending diagnostic radiology physicians, diagnostic radiology technologists, nurse practitioners, nurses, physician assistants, and radiation safety personnel. The team may also include individuals from referring clinical services, medical physicists, and radiopharmacists.</p>