

## **Guide to Construction of an Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Program Block Diagram**

### **Review Committee for Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine**

A block diagram is a representation of the rotation schedule for a resident in a given post-graduate year. It offers information on the type, location, length, and variety of rotations for that year. The block diagram shows the rotations a resident would have in a given year; it does not represent the order in which they occur. There should be only one block diagram for each year of education, per entry pathway offered. The block diagram should not include resident names.

Create and upload a PDF of the program's block diagram using the information below as a guide. If needed, additional information to aid in understanding the program's block diagram may be entered in the "Notes" section at the end of the Block Diagram Data Collection Form. If the program has already prepared a block diagram or follows an established institutional format, there is no need to change the existing document to follow this format. The general information reported should be the same, however. Once the program's block diagram has been uploaded, a new one should be uploaded only if there is a substantive change.

- If the program plans to accept residents into both the ONMM1 and the ONMM2 levels, program staff members are encouraged to create two separate block diagrams, one for each of the two entry pathways.
- If the program plans only to accept residents into the ONMM2 level, it only needs to show a block diagram for the ONMM2 level of entry. For more information, see the Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine FAQ on the topic.
- Two common models of the block diagram exist: the first is organized by month; and the second divides the year into 13 four-week blocks. If a rotation is completed longitudinally, the rotation should be represented in a block and denoted with an (\*) that it is a longitudinal rotation. A sample is provided below.
- It must be indicated how vacation time is taken. This can be done by allocating a time block to vacation, or by indicating this in the "Notes" section accompanying the block diagram.
- In constructing the block diagram, include the participating site in which a rotation takes place, as well as the name of the rotation. If the name of the rotation does not clearly indicate the nature of the rotation, then clarifying information should be provided as a footnote to the block diagram or elsewhere in the document. Avoid using local rotation names such as "blue team" or "floor team," and instead use a more descriptive name such as "inpatient ONMM," "ONMM consult service," etc.
- Participating sites listed on the block diagram should match the participating sites listed in the Accreditation Data System (ADS). If a Program Letter of Agreement is necessary, the participating site in the agreement should match the block diagram and the sites listed in ADS.

- Group rotations by site. For example, list all of the rotations in Site 1 first, followed by all of the rotations in Site 2, etc. The site numbers listed in ADS should be used to create the block diagram.
- Required and selective rotations should be listed by name in the block diagram. A generic representation of a “required rotation” placeholder should not be used.
- When “elective” time is shown in the block diagram, a specific elective rotation does not need to be identified. A generic representation of “elective” can be used in the block diagram. The choice of elective rotations available for residents should be listed below the diagram. Elective rotations do not require a participating site.
- If your program requires a research rotation, that should be indicated on the block diagram.
- The percent of time spent in the continuity clinic should be identified for each rotation. However, it is not necessary for rotations identified as being completed longitudinally.

### Sample: ONMM1 Entry Pathway

(Note: This is a sample of a 12-month block rotation schedule. Rotation schedules in a four-week block rotation schedule, with 13 blocks are acceptable.)

#### ONMM1

<b>Block</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Longitudinal
<b>Site</b>	Site 1	Site 1	Site 1	Site 1	Site 1	Site 2	Site 2	Site 3					Site 1
<b>Rotation Name</b>	ONMM Outpt	ONMM Outpt	ONMM Outpt	ONMM Outpt	Pain Management	ONMM Inpt	ONMM Inpt	Neurology	Elective	Elective	Elective	Vacation	Sports Medicine*
<b># of half-day clinic sessions per week</b>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	N/A	N/A

\*\*Longitudinal Rotation

#### ONMM2

<b>Block</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Site</b>	Site 1	Site 1	Site 1	Site 1	Site 1	Site 2	Site 2	Site 3				
<b>Rotation Name</b>	ONMM Outpt	ONMM Outpt	ONMM Outpt	ONMM Outpt	Occupational Medicine	ONMM Inpt	ONMM Inpt	PM&R	Elective	Elective	Elective	Vacation
<b># of half-day clinic sessions per week</b>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	N/A

Site 1: XYZ Hospital

Site 2: ABC Clinic

Site 3: LMN Ambulatory Center

Elective Options: diagnostic radiology, family medicine, internal medicine, hospice and palliative medicine, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, rheumatology, sports medicine

**Sample: ONMM2 Entry Pathway**

*Note: Only include a separate block diagram for residents entering the program at the ONMM2 level if the program plans to accept residents into the program through this pathway and IF the ONMM2 year would differ for someone entering at the ONMM1 level.*

**ONMM2**

Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Site	Site 1	Site 1	Site 1	Site 1	Site 1	Site 2	Site 2	Site 3	Site 3			
Rotation Name	ONMM Outpt	ONMM Outpt	ONMM Outpt	ONMM Outpt	Pain Management	ONMM Inpt	ONMM Inpt	Neurology	PM&R	Elective	Elective	Vacation
# of half-day clinic sessions per week	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	<insert #>	N/A

Site 1: XYZ Hospital  
 Site 2: ABC Clinic  
 Site 3: LMN Ambulatory Center

Elective Options: diagnostic radiology, family medicine, internal medicine, hospice and palliative medicine, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, rheumatology, sports medicine