MEMORANDUM

TO: Urology Program Directors and Coordinators
FROM: Kathleen Quinn-Leering, PhD, Executive Director, Review Committee for Urology
DATE: July 10, 2018
RE: Urology Requirements Effective Date July 1, 2019

The updated Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Urology have been posted (see “Approved with Future Effective Date July 1, 2019”). I am writing with answers to common questions about these updated Requirements:

What is the effective date?
July 1, 2019. As of that date, all urology programs will include the PGY-1 and provide 60 months of accredited education. For the 2019-2020 year only, programs will have new PGY-1, as well as new PGY-2 residents.

How can programs facilitate a smooth transition to the 60-month program?
Program directors are encouraged to develop a transition plan with the surgery program director, including changes to the match process.

Will programs need to request a permanent complement increase to add the additional residents to their approved complement?
No. The additional educational year will be automatically added in the Accreditation Data System (ADS) by July 1, 2019. Once added, ADS will show five approved years. The approved complement for Year 1 (PGY-1) will be based on the approved complements for the other years. The approved total complement will increase accordingly. For example, a program with a current approved complement of 2-2-2-2 for a total of eight will become 2-2-2-2-2 for a total of 10.

Will PGY-1 residents be able to log urological and other procedures in the Case Log System as of July 1, 2019?
Yes. As is true with all new residents, PGY-1 residents will have a Case Log System ID and password assigned and e-mailed to them when they are first entered into the program’s ADS Resident Roster.

Are PGY-1 residents required to log all procedures in the Case Log System?
Yes.
Which rotations will meet the requirement for three months of additional non-urological surgical training during the PGY-1? [PR IV.A.6.a).(1).(b)]
Rotations in colon and rectal surgery, plastic/reconstructive surgery, surgical critical care, transplantation, and trauma would meet the requirement for additional non-urological surgical experience.

Programs that would like to meet this requirement with a rotation other than those noted above are encouraged to contact the American Board of Urology (ABU) or the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (AOBS) to inquire if the rotation will fulfill the Board’s requirements for core surgical education. Board-approved rotations may be used to meet this requirement. Programs should inform the Review Committee of such approval by including a note on the program’s block diagram.

What rotations are acceptable for the three months of PGY-1 that do not have specified training requirements?
These rotations can be in urology, general surgery, and/or other surgical specialties. Non-surgical rotations in anesthesiology, interventional radiology, and nephrology are also allowed (see PR IV.A.6.a).(4)).

Can any of the six months of core surgical education take place during the PGY-2 or later?
No. The six months of core surgical education must take place during the PGY-1.

How much research time are residents permitted to have during the 60 months of accredited education?
As specified in PR IV.B.2.a), dedicated research time must take place during Uro-2, Uro-3, and Uro-4, and must not exceed six months.

What is meant by “dedicated research time”? [PR IV.B.2.a)]
Dedicated research time refers to full-time research rotations during the 60 months of accredited education. If a resident engages in clinical activity during the research month (e.g., assigned occasional home call), the rotation is still considered dedicated research time. The requirement does not include resident scholarly activity that takes place during clinical rotations. The requirement also does not include resident research or scholarly activity that takes place during unaccredited time that a program requires or offers.

My program is currently a 2+4 format. Do I need to do something different than the 1+4 programs?
Yes. Please contact Executive Director Kathleen Quinn-Leering, PhD to discuss.