ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Medical Biochemical Genetics
Summary and Impact of Focused Requirement Revisions

Requirement #: VI.A.2.c).(1).(a).(i)

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

Fellow performance of procedures must be done under direct supervision where the supervising physician is physically present. (Core)

1. Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:
The Review Committee proposed requirements about direct supervision that can be done via telecommunication methods and added this corollary requirement to specify that fellow performance of procedures could only be done under the supervision of a physician who is physically present (and not via telecommunication methods).

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?
The proposed requirement will improve patient safety and patient care quality by ensuring that physician supervisors are physically present and able to step in if need be when fellows are performing procedures. It will also improve fellow education by allowing for real-time, physical feedback when performing procedures.

3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?
The proposed requirement will not impact continuity of patient care.

4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how?
The proposed requirement will not necessitate additional institutional resources.

5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs?
The proposed revision will not impact other accredited programs.

Requirement #: VI.A.2.c).(1).(b) and VI.A.2.c).(1).(b).(i)

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

[Direct Supervision:]

the supervising physician and/or patient is not physically present with the fellow and the supervising physician is concurrently monitoring the patient care through appropriate telecommunication technology. (Core)

Direct supervision through appropriate telecommunication technology must be limited to history-taking and patient examination, assessment, and counseling. (Core)

1. Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:
The Review Committee elected to include the Common Program Requirement that allows for direct supervision via telecommunication technology, and further specified which fellow activities are appropriate for direct supervision via telecommunication methods.
2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?
   The proposed requirement will improve patient safety and patient care quality by ensuring direct supervision can be done via telecommunication methods if not physically available. It will also benefit fellow education since there will be more opportunities for real-time feedback from faculty members in these circumstances.

3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?
   The proposed requirement will not impact continuity of patient care.

4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how?
   The proposed requirement will not necessitate additional institutional resources.

5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs?
   The proposed revision will not impact other accredited programs.