ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine
Summary and Impact of Focused Requirement Revisions

Requirement #: IV.C.3-IV.C.3.b).(1)

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

IV.C.3. Fellows must have a minimum of 12 months of clinical experience in an ICU in which they have primary responsibility for providing patient care. (Core)

IV.C.3.a) Fellows must have a minimum of eight months of critical care experience in the PICU. (Core)

IV.C.3.b) Fellows’ clinical experience in critical care settings other than the PICU, such as including burn, medical, or neonatal ICUs, must be no more than four months, except when all of the post-operative cardiovascular care is provided in however, if there is a pediatric cardiac surgical ICU separate from the PICU, two additional months may be spent in the pediatric cardiac ICU for a total of six months of rotations in critical care settings outside of the PICU. (Core)

IV.C.3.b).(1) If there is a separate pediatric cardiac ICU, no more than six months must be spent on rotations other than the PICU over the 36 months of the educational program. (Core)

Specialty-Specific Background and Intent: ICU rotations in critical care environments other than in the PICU may provide different educational experiences. However, these rotations cannot completely replace those in the PICU. Experiences in which a fellow consults or solely performs procedures on the care of the critically-ill patient, rather than provides primary responsibility for all facets of patient care, are not included in the limit. The operating room is also not considered a critical care environment.

1. Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:
The Review Committee determined that clarification of the requirements was needed after several inquiries were received regarding how much time should be spent in the PICU and what counted as another ICU experience.

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?
The requirements are intended to ensure that fellows spend the appropriate minimum amount of time in the PICU to achieve a satisfactory educational experience.

3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care? Not applicable

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? Not applicable

4. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs? Not applicable