# ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

## Summary and Impact of Focused Requirement Revisions

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**Requirement Revision (significant change only):**

The outpatient experience should be at least 12 months in duration, excluding time spent in EMG-electrodiagnostic studies training. *(Core Detail)*

The inpatient experience should be at least 12 months in duration. *(Core Detail)*

Each resident assigned to an acute inpatient rehabilitation service should not be responsible for more than 14 physical medicine and rehabilitation inpatients. *(Core Detail)*

1. Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:
   
   **The above requirements were initially categorized as Detail. As the Review Committee has gained experience in reviewing programs under the existing categorization, it has determined that these requirements should be required for all programs, and therefore should be categorized as Core.**

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?
   
   **The changes in categorization are intended to ensure that all residents receive the appropriate minimum amount of time in inpatient and outpatient settings in order to achieve a satisfactory educational experience, and not have an excessive patient load.**

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

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?
   
   **Not applicable**

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

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**Requirement Revision (significant change only):**

VI.A.2.c).(1).(b).(i) Prior to allowing supervision of procedures through telecommunication, residents should have demonstrated the ability to perform the procedure while the supervising physician was physically present. *(Core)*

VI.A.2.c).(1).(b).(i).(a) If the supervising physician is monitoring the procedure through telecommunication technology, but is not physically present on-site, a back-up supervising physician must be physically present to immediately assume care, if needed. *(Core)*
1. Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:
   The recent revisions to the Common Program Requirements give Review Committees the option to allow programs use of telecommunication technology to supervise residents. The Review Committee has decided to allow physical medicine and rehabilitation programs the use of telecommunication technology to supervise residents and has specified the conditions when this technology may be utilized.

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?
   The new requirements will allow programs to design resident clinical assignments that improve access to care for patients and prepare residents to provide care in a broader variety of settings through the use of technology. The new requirements also restrict the use of technology in instances that the Review Committee feels could put patient safety in jeopardy if an attending supervisor is not physically present.

3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?
   The new requirements will allow programs to utilize telemedicine as appropriate, which may result in improved access to care for patients.

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 requirements permit, but do not require, programs to use telemedicine. While there may be costs associated with the technology needed to support these activities, it is at the program’s discretion and not mandated by the requirements.

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