## ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Thoracic Surgery Integrated Summary and Impact of Focused Requirement Revisions

### Requirement #: II.B.4.c).1)-(3); II.B.4.d

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<td>II.B.4.c) The core faculty must include at a minimum:</td>
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<td>II.B.4.d) The program must maintain a ratio of at least two core faculty members to every one approved residency position in the final three years of the program, including the program director. (Core)</td>
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1. **Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:**

   The Committee’s intent is to ensure the addition of required faculty members in these areas, in addition to the program providing residents with clinical and didactic experiences essential for the specialty.

2. **How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?**

   This requires that the program identify faculty members in specific specialties/subspecialties who regularly interact with and have responsibility for teaching and supervising residents.

3. **How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?**

   Active involvement of these specialists/subspecialists as core faculty members will not detract from continuity of care in any program and may enhance continuity of care in others.

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?**

   This may require additional of faculty members in a limited number of programs.

5. **How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs?**

   N/A

### Requirement #: IV.C.1.a)

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<td>IV.C.1.a) Resident experiences on all clinical surgery rotations should be a minimum of four weeks in duration. (Core)</td>
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1. **Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:**

   [Continue with additional sections and questions as per the document structure.]
The requirement reflects the need for programs to consider the impact of frequent rotational transitions, such as occur when residents are scheduled for a series of short rotations, and the resulting disruption in supervisory continuity, on patient care, and on resident education. They are also intended to address the negative impact of assigning supervising faculty members for very brief assignments.

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?
   The requirement will address the lack of supervisory continuity on patient care and resident education that results with frequent rotations transitions.

3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?
   With the emphasis on supervisory continuity, it is expected that this requirement will have a positive impact on continuity, quality, and safety 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?
   No additional institutional resources are expected.

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