

**Eligibility Exception Decisions by Specialty**  
Common Program Requirements Section III.A.

Specialty/Subspecialty	Allow Eligibility Exceptions
Allergy and Immunology*	Yes
Anesthesiology Subspecialties	Yes
Dermatology Subspecialties	Yes
Diagnostic Radiology Subspecialties	Yes
Emergency Medicine Subspecialties	Yes
Family Medicine Subspecialties	Yes
Internal Medicine Subspecialties	Yes
Medical Genetics and Genomics Subspecialties	No
Neurological Surgery Subspecialties	No
Neurology Subspecialties	No
Nuclear Medicine*	Yes
Obstetrics and Gynecology Subspecialties	No
Ophthalmology Subspecialties	Yes
Orthopaedic Surgery Subspecialties	Yes
Otolaryngology Subspecialties	No
Pathology Subspecialties	Yes
Pediatrics Subspecialties	Yes
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Subspecialties	No
Plastic Surgery Subspecialties	No
Preventive Medicine Subspecialties	Yes
Psychiatry Subspecialties	No
Radiation Oncology Subspecialties	No
Surgery Subspecialties	No
Thoracic Surgery Subspecialties	No
Urology Subspecialties	No

\* The Review Committee does allow the exception to the eligibility requirements specified in Section III.A.2.b) for residency programs that require completion of a prerequisite residency program prior to admission.

## Common Program Requirements Effective July 1, 2016

### Fellow Eligibility Exception Language

- III.A.2.b) Fellow Eligibility Exception
- A Review Committee may grant the following exception to the fellowship eligibility requirements:
- An ACGME-accredited fellowship program may accept an exceptionally qualified applicant\*\*, who does not satisfy the eligibility requirements listed in Sections III.A.2. and III.A.2.a), but who does meet all of the following additional qualifications and conditions: <sup>(Core)</sup>
- III.A.2.b).(1) Assessment by the program director and fellowship selection committee of the applicant's suitability to enter the program, based on prior training and review of the summative evaluations of training in the core specialty; and <sup>(Core)</sup>
- III.A.2.b).(2) Review and approval of the applicant's exceptional qualifications by the GMEC or a subcommittee of the GMEC; and <sup>(Core)</sup>
- III.A.2.b).(3) Satisfactory completion of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Steps 1, 2, and, if the applicant is eligible, 3, and; <sup>(Core)</sup>
- III.A.2.b).(4) For an international graduate, verification of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification; and, <sup>(Core)</sup>
- III.A.2.b).(5) Applicants accepted by this exception must complete fellowship Milestones evaluation (for the purposes of establishment of baseline performance by the Clinical Competency Committee), conducted by the receiving fellowship program within six weeks of matriculation. This evaluation may be waived for an applicant who has completed an ACGME International-accredited residency based on the applicant's Milestones evaluation conducted at the conclusion of the residency program. <sup>(Core)</sup>
- III.A.2.b).(5).(a) If the trainee does not meet the expected level of Milestones competency following entry into the fellowship program, the trainee must undergo a period of remediation, overseen by the Clinical Competency Committee and monitored by the GMEC or a subcommittee of the GMEC. This period of remediation must not count toward time in fellowship training. <sup>(Core)</sup>

\*\* An exceptionally qualified applicant has (1) completed a non-ACGME-accredited residency program in the core specialty, and (2) demonstrated clinical excellence, in comparison to peers, throughout training. Additional evidence of exceptional qualifications is required, which may include one of the following: (a) participation in additional clinical or research training in the specialty or subspecialty; (b) demonstrated scholarship in the specialty or subspecialty; (c) demonstrated leadership during or after residency training; (d) completion of an ACGME-International-accredited residency program.

[Each Review Committee will decide no later than December 31, 2013 whether the exception specified above will be permitted. If the Review Committee will not allow this exception, the program requirements will include the following statement]:

- III.A.2.c) The Review Committee for \_\_\_\_\_ does not allow exceptions to the Eligibility Requirements for Fellowship Programs in Section III.A.2. <sup>(Core)</sup>

## Eligibility Exception Decisions: Multidisciplinary Subspecialties

Multidisciplinary Subspecialty	Allow Eligibility Exceptions	DO NOT Allow Eligibility Exceptions
Clinical Informatics	Anesthesiology Diagnostic Radiology Emergency Medicine Family Medicine Internal Medicine Pathology Pediatrics Preventive Medicine	Medical Genetics and Genomics
Dermatopathology	Dermatology Pathology	
Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology	Diagnostic Radiology	Neurological Surgery Neurology
Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery		Obstetrics and Gynecology Urology
Geriatric Medicine	Family Medicine Internal Medicine	
Hand Surgery	Orthopaedic Surgery	Plastic Surgery General Surgery
Hospice and Palliative Medicine	Anesthesiology Family Medicine Internal Medicine Pediatrics	Psychiatry Radiation Oncology
Medical Toxicology	Emergency Medicine Preventive Medicine	
Molecular Genetic Pathology	Pathology	Medical Genetics and Genomics
Neuromuscular Medicine		Neurology Physical Medicine and Rehab
Pain Medicine	Anesthesiology	Neurology Physical Medicine and Rehab
Sleep Medicine	Internal Medicine Pediatrics	Neurology Psychiatry
Sports Medicine	Emergency Medicine Family Medicine Pediatrics	Physical Medicine and Rehab
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine	Emergency Medicine Preventive Medicine	

# List of Specialties and Subspecialties

## Allergy and Immunology

### Anesthesiology

Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology  
Clinical Informatics\*  
Critical Care Anesthesiology  
Hospice and Palliative Medicine\*  
Obstetric Anesthesiology  
Pain Medicine\*  
Pediatric Anesthesiology

### Colon and Rectal Surgery

### Dermatology

Dermatopathology\*  
Micrographic Surgery and  
Dermatologic Oncology

### Diagnostic Radiology

Abdominal Radiology  
Clinical Informatics\*  
Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology\*  
Musculoskeletal Radiology  
Neuroradiology  
Nuclear Radiology  
Pediatric Radiology  
Vascular Interventional Radiology

### Emergency Medicine

Clinical Informatics\*  
Emergency Medical Services  
Medical Toxicology\*  
Pediatric Emergency Medicine\*  
Sports Medicine\*  
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine\*

### Family Medicine

Clinical Informatics\*  
Geriatric Medicine\*  
Hospice and Palliative Medicine\*  
Sports Medicine\*

### Internal Medicine

Adult Congenital Heart Disease  
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant  
Cardiology  
Cardiovascular Disease  
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology  
Clinical Informatics\*  
Critical Care Medicine  
Endocrinology, Diabetes and  
Metabolism  
Gastroenterology  
Geriatric Medicine\*  
Hematology  
Hematology and Medical Oncology  
Hospice and Palliative Medicine\*  
Infectious Diseases  
Internal Medicine-Pediatrics\*  
Interventional Cardiology  
Medical Oncology  
Nephrology  
Pulmonary Critical Care  
Pulmonary Disease  
Rheumatology  
Sleep Medicine\*

### Internal Medicine cont.

Transplant Hepatology

### Interventional Radiology

### Medical Genetics and Genomics

Clinical Informatics\*  
Medical Biochemical Genetics  
Molecular Genetic Pathology\*

### Neurological Surgery

Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology\*

### Neurology

Brain Injury Medicine\*  
Child Neurology  
Clinical Neurophysiology  
Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology\*  
Epilepsy  
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities  
Neuromuscular Medicine\*  
Pain Medicine\*  
Sleep Medicine\*  
Vascular Neurology

### Nuclear Medicine

### Obstetrics and Gynecology

Female Pelvic Medicine and  
Reconstructive Surgery\*  
Gynecologic Oncology  
Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Reproductive Endocrinology and  
Infertility

### Ophthalmology

Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive  
Surgery

### Orthopaedic Surgery

Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedics  
Foot and Ankle Orthopaedics  
Hand Surgery\*  
Musculoskeletal Oncology  
Orthopaedic Sports Medicine  
Orthopaedic Surgery of the Spine  
Orthopaedic Trauma  
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery

### Otolaryngology

Neurotology  
Pediatric Otolaryngology

### Pathology

Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine  
Chemical Pathology  
Clinical Informatics\*  
Cytopathology  
Forensic Pathology  
Hematology Pathology  
Medical Microbiology  
Molecular Genetic Pathology\*  
Neuropathology  
Pediatric Pathology  
Selective Pathology

### Pediatrics

Adolescent Medicine  
Child Abuse  
Clinical Informatics\*

### Pediatrics cont.

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics  
Hospice and Palliative Medicine\*  
Internal Medicine-Pediatrics +  
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine  
Pediatric Cardiology  
Pediatric Critical Care  
Pediatric Emergency Medicine  
Pediatric Endocrinology  
Pediatric Gastroenterology  
Pediatric Hematology Oncology  
Pediatric Infectious Diseases  
Pediatric Nephrology  
Pediatric Pulmonology  
Pediatric Rheumatology  
Pediatric Transplant Hepatology  
Sleep Medicine\*  
Sports Medicine\*

### Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Brain Injury Medicine\*  
Neuromuscular Medicine\*  
Pain Medicine\*  
Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine  
Spinal Cord Injury Medicine  
Sports Medicine\*

### Plastic Surgery

Craniofacial Plastic Surgery  
Hand Surgery\*

### Preventive Medicine

Clinical Informatics\*  
Medical Toxicology\*  
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine\*

### Psychiatry

Addiction Psychiatry  
Brain Injury Medicine\*  
Child Psychiatry  
Forensic Psychiatry  
Geriatric Psychiatry  
Hospice and Palliative Medicine\*  
Psychosomatic Medicine  
Sleep Medicine\*

### Radiation Oncology

Hospice and Palliative Medicine\*

### Surgery

Complex General Surgical Oncology  
Hand Surgery\*  
Pediatric Surgery  
Surgical Critical Care  
Vascular Surgery

### Thoracic Surgery

Congenital Cardiac Surgery

### Urology

Female Pelvic Medicine and  
Reconstructive Surgery\*  
Pediatric Urology

### Transitional Year

\* Multidisciplinary subspecialty

+ Combined Program