

Case Log Information for Allergy and Immunology Programs Review Committee for Allergy and Immunology

The minimum Case Log requirements set by the Review Committee for monitoring purposes represent the required minimum. The Review Committee discourages programs from having an educational culture of only meeting the minimum requirements established for monitoring purposes.

The ACGME does not track all diagnoses in the gamut of allergy and immunology practice.

Those tracked, with established minimums for monitoring purposes, are as follows:

Anaphylaxis:	15
Asthma:	130
Atopic dermatitis:	35
Contact dermatitis:	5
Drug reactions:	20
Food reactions:	50
Immunodeficiency:	40
Rhinitis:	180
Sinusitis:	20
Venom hypersensitivity:	5
Urticaria, angioedema:	45

As the local level, programs may choose to track additional diagnoses.

To establish the above-noted minimum requirements, the Review Committee used the 10th percentile values for total and diagnosis-specific data from the 2009-2010 National Resident Log Report as a reference norm. The Committee is examining more recent log reports, and these numbers may be adjusted.

The Committee recognizes that when the 10th percentile for a required diagnosis is less than 5, there may be difficulties in reaching a minimum of five patient experiences. In the event that a resident will have less than five experiences for a required diagnosis for which 5 is the minimum, the program director should document, in the Accreditation Data System (ADS) (in the Program Summary for Review section, found under the Major Changes header), an alternate approach to provide the required number of experiences for this diagnosis. This may include development of simulated cases for residents to manage or rotations with other programs to acquire the required minimum number of experiences. Simulated cases may be developed within the program, provided as programming at national or regional allergy-immunology meetings, or established as an online resource (such as a PIM provided for Maintenance of Certification).

Note that the minimum requirement for diagnoses does not supplement the requirement that, upon a resident's completion of the program, the program director must verify that he or she has demonstrated sufficient competence to enter practice without direct supervision.

Contact Review Committee staff members (contact information can be found on the Allergy and Immunology section of the ACGME website) with any questions.