

Critical Care Requirement Exceptions for Pediatric Surgery Fellows Review Committee for Surgery

Under exceptional circumstances, programs may request an exception to the following pediatric surgery program requirements for individual pediatric surgery fellows:

- 4.11.f.3. During the two-year fellowship, critical care experience must include one month in the neonatal intensive care unit. ^(Core)
- 4.11.f.5. During the two-year fellowship, critical care experience must include one month in the pediatric intensive care unit. ^(Core)

Exception requests will be considered for the following purposes:

- The program demonstrates that a current fellow completed an established pediatric critical care curriculum that exceeds the minimum requirements.
- The pediatric surgery fellow has previously completed an ACGME-accredited surgical critical care program with a focus on pediatric critical care and is board eligible or certified in surgical critical care by the American Board of Surgery (ABS) or American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (AOBS).

A formal letter, co-signed by the program director and the designated institutional official (DIO), describing the educational rationale for the request must be emailed to Aimee Morales, associate executive director of the Review Committee for Surgery, at amorales@acgme.org.

Ms. Morales will forward the request to the Committee between meetings and notify the program of the Committee's decision.

Direct questions to Review Committee staff members (contact information is listed on the [Surgery section](#) of the ACGME website).