### ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Pain Medicine (Multidisciplinary)

#### Summary and Impact of Interim Requirement Revisions

**Requirement #: NEW II.A.3.c)**

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

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<td>must include documentation of ongoing academic achievements appropriate to the subspecialty, including publications, the development of educational programs, or the conduct of research. (Core)</td>
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1. **Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:**

   As a leader of the program, the program director serves as mentor and guide to the faculty members and fellows. Ensuring the program director’s engagement in scholarship plays a critical role to ensuring that research opportunities are available to fellows and that fellows are exposed to a scholarly environment.

   Additionally, for consistency, the new requirement aligns the program requirements with all other subspecialties under anesthesiology.

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

   The proposed new requirement will improve fellow education through providing better mentorship and cultivation of an environment of inquiry for fellows.

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

   N/A

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.

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

   The proposed new requirement will not impact other accredited programs.