

Frequently Asked Questions: Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesiology

Review Committee for Anesthesiology

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Question	Answer
Fellow Appointments	
How can fellows entering from adult cardiac anesthesiology complete the required pediatric anesthesiology education?	The Review Committee recognizes that the core anesthesiology residency education requires a minimum of two months of pediatric anesthesiology. However, fellows should have pediatric anesthesiology education at a fellowship level, and residency does not count toward meeting this requirement.
<i>[Program Requirement: 3.2.a.1.b.1.]</i>	If a fellow entering from adult cardiac anesthesiology does not have pediatric anesthesiology educational experience at the fellowship level, this can be accomplished through a one-month rotation at the start of the pediatric cardiac anesthesiology fellowship program.
Educational Program	
Who is included in the multidisciplinary team for patient safety and patient care quality?	The multidisciplinary team is the pediatric cardiac team that includes surgeons, nurses, anesthesiologists, pediatricians, and other staff members in the intensive care unit (ICU) or the operating room.
<i>[Program Requirement: 4.11.o.]</i>	
Must the presentation or publication of fellows' scholarly activity occur before completion of the fellowship?	No. A fellow's involvement in a project should begin or continue during the fellowship, but the presentation or publication can occur after the fellowship has been completed.
<i>[Program Requirement: 4.15.a.]</i>	
The Learning and Working Environment	
Does the Review Committee limit the maximum number of consecutive weeks of night float?	No. The Review Committee recognizes that under certain circumstances, fellows may derive benefit from night float work, but the benefit should be clear to and understood by both faculty members and fellows. During an accreditation review, the Review Committee will determine whether fellows on night float are able to take advantage of educational sessions and other opportunities offered during regular daytime hours. If the Committee determines that fellows derive little benefit from night float or are not able to participate in other educational sessions as a result of night call responsibilities, the program may be cited for inadequate educational experience on the respective rotation.
<i>[Program Requirement: 6.26.]</i>	
Other	

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May fellows engage in independent practice of their core specialty during the fellowship program? <i>[Common Program Requirement (Fellowship): 4.16.]</i>	Yes. The Review Committee elected not to permit the independent practice option outlined in section 4.16. of the Common Program Requirements (Fellowship) because the requirement states that the fellowship program may “assign” fellows to engage in independent practice. Fellowship programs cannot require fellows to practice in their core specialty. Fellows may voluntarily elect to moonlight in their core specialty, provided all work hour limits are met.
What does the Review Committee require of a fellow taking approved medical, parental, or caregiver leave(s) of absence? <i>[Institutional Requirement: 4.8.]</i>	The Review Committee allows for flexibility in approved leaves of absence at the program level, provided that all clinical experience requirements are met, including case and procedure logs, and that the Clinical Competency Committee considers the fellow fully prepared for autonomous practice.