

Guidelines for Acceptable Interventional Radiology-Related Rotations Review Committee for Radiology ACGME

An interventional radiology-related rotation is an experience that does not take place within the interventional radiology division and is not supervised by qualified interventional radiologists. Interventional radiology-related rotations are intended to provide residents with experience, education, and training in core interventional radiology procedures that are performed outside of the interventional radiology section, or to provide additional clinical or procedural experience relevant to interventional radiology.

For all interventional radiology applications (interventional radiology-integrated, interventional radiology-independent, and Early Specialization in Interventional Radiology [ESIR]), programs must provide goals and objectives for all interventional radiology-related rotations.

The following guidelines outline which rotations the Review Committee would deem acceptable as interventional radiology-related:

1. If the purpose of the rotation is to provide procedural experience, a substantial portion of the rotation should be spent in procedures. Generally, this includes a minimum of:
 - a. 50 percent of the rotation time spent on procedures and peri-procedural care
 - b. 30 varied procedures performed during the four-week rotation period

Note: If a rotation does not meet the above criteria, the program director should submit a narrative to explain how this rotation will meet the educational objectives of an interventional radiology-related rotation.

2. If the purpose of the rotation is to provide clinical experience outside of interventional radiology (such as a rotation on the hepatology or oncology service), residents should see a substantial number of patients in clinic or on inpatient rounds (a minimum of 30 patients is a good guideline).
3. A dedicated rotation in vascular imaging, as this is considered to be core to the knowledge domain of interventional radiology.
4. A separate month of research on a topic within the knowledge domain of interventional radiology.
5. One month of breast interventions/procedures.
6. *Note: Such a rotation cannot double-count as one of the three required diagnostic mammography breast imaging rotations [Diagnostic Radiology requirement 4.11.k.7.].*