

Guidelines for International Rotations

Review Committee for Urology

Residents may participate in international rotations in adherence with the following:

- Rotations must be elective (i.e., optional).
- Rotations must be no longer than one month in total.
- Rotations must not occur during the Uro-1 year.
- Rotations do not count toward the required 12 months of chief resident experience.
- All institutional policies and procedures that govern the program at the Sponsoring Institution must continue to be in effect during international rotations.
- Documentation is required and must be maintained in the resident's file (**not to be sent to the ACGME unless requested**), to include:
 - o Name and location of international rotation site
 - o Dates of the rotation
 - o Name and Uro-[year] of the resident
 - o Educational rationale
 - o Description of the clinical experience
 - o Name of supervising faculty member
 - o Rotation approval signed by the program director and the Sponsoring Institution's designated institutional official
- Program directors are responsible for reviewing the resident's schedule to ensure that participation in the international rotation will not require an extension of the resident's educational program. If circumstances arise necessitating an extension, contact the Review Committee staff at the ACGME.
- Programs are strongly encouraged to contact the American Board of Urology or American Osteopathic Board of Surgery to ensure that residents participating in an elective international rotation will meet the applicable board requirements.

For international rotations supervised by a faculty member of an ACGME-accredited urology residency program:

- Rotations **may** count toward the required 42 months of urological clinical education during the Uro-2-5 years.
- Residents **may** enter these cases in the ACGME Case Log System.

For international rotations **not** supervised by a faculty member of an ACGME-accredited urology residency program:

- Rotations **do not** count toward the required 42 months of urological clinical education during the Uro-2-5 years. Time must come from the six months permitted for non-urological clinical education and/or research during the Uro-2-4 years.
- Residents **must not** enter these cases in the ACGME Case Log System.

Frequently Asked Questions

If an international rotation is supervised by a faculty member from an ACGME-accredited urology program, but a specific case is supervised by another physician, can that case be entered into the ACGME Case Log System?

Yes, provided a faculty member from an ACGME-accredited urology program is on site during the case. The case cannot be entered into the Case Log System if the faculty member(s) from the ACGME-accredited urology program is(are) off-site.

Can a Uro-5 resident participate in an international rotation supervised by a faculty member from an ACGME-accredited urology program?

Yes, provided the chief resident requirements are still met during the final 24 months of urology education. Specifically, the resident must serve as a chief resident for at least 12 months, and each chief resident rotation must be at least two months in length.

Can a Uro-5 resident participate in an international rotation that is supervised by a physician who is *not* a faculty member from an ACGME-accredited program?

In most cases this would not be permitted. The Uro-5 year should provide 12 months of credit toward the 42 months of urological clinical education required during the Uro-2-5 years. In such a case, the international rotation would not count. The Review Committee will consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Requests should be submitted to the Review Committee's associate executive director (contact information can be found below) and should briefly describe the international experience and the rationale for the exception. Attach the resident's Uro-1-5 schedule, including identification of the chief resident rotations to the request.

If a program includes six months of research during the Uro-2-4 years, can a resident participate in an international rotation?

Yes, if the international rotation is supervised by a faculty member from an ACGME-accredited urology residency program. The international rotation will count toward the 42 months of urological clinical education required during the Uro-2-5 years.

An international rotation is **not** permitted if the experience is supervised by a physician who is **not** a faculty member in an ACGME-accredited urology residency program. If the resident were to participate in this international experience, the resident would exceed the maximum six "flexible" months and would not meet the requirement for 42 months of urological clinical education during the Uro-2-5 years.

Can a resident participate in an international experience during vacation time?

Vacation activities are not part of a resident's education and therefore are outside the purview of the Review Committee. Programs are advised to ask their Sponsoring Institution for guidance.

What site should residents indicate in the ACGME Case Log System when logging cases during international rotations?

In the drop-down list in the Case Log System, the resident should see an option of "other site." If this option is not displaying, email ads@acgme.org.

Who should residents select as the attending physician when logging cases during international rotations?

If the attending is a faculty member in the resident's program, that faculty member's name should appear in the drop-down list in the Case Log System. If the attending is not a faculty member in the resident's program, email ads@acgme.org for guidance.

Can fellows participate in international rotations?

Programs should contact Review Committee staff for guidance.

Email Review Committee Associate Executive Director Shellie Bardgett, MPH with any questions: sbardgett@acgme.org.