

**Reference for Designated Institutional Officials and Institutional Review Coordinators  
Residency–Dependent and –Independent Subspecialty (Fellowship) Programs**

ACGME–accredited subspecialty (fellowship) programs are either residency–dependent (related to a core residency program in the same Sponsoring Institution), or residency–independent (unrelated to a core residency program in the same Sponsoring Institution). Each ACGME specialty Review Committee determines whether accredited programs in a particular subspecialty must be residency–dependent.

This reference document indicates Review Committee determinations of whether subspecialty (fellowship) programs (1) are always residency–dependent; (2) are always residency–independent; or (3) are residency–dependent except in limited circumstances. Questions regarding residency–dependence or –independence of a subspecialty program should be directed to staff of the respective ACGME Review Committee.

ACGME Review Committee	Subspecialty	Must subspecialty programs be residency-dependent?			If "Yes, With Exceptions," Criteria for Residency-Independence
		Yes, Always	No	Yes, With Exceptions	
Anesthesiology	Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology	X			
Anesthesiology	Clinical Informatics	X			
Anesthesiology	Critical Care Medicine	X			
Anesthesiology	Hospice and Palliative Medicine	X			
Anesthesiology	Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine	X			
Anesthesiology	Pain Medicine	X			
Anesthesiology	Obstetric Anesthesiology	X			
Anesthesiology	Pediatric Anesthesiology	X			
Dermatology	Dermatopathology	X			
Dermatology	Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology	X			
Emergency Medicine	Clinical Informatics			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Emergency Medicine Review Committee.
Emergency Medicine	Emergency Medical Services			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Emergency Medicine Review Committee.
Emergency Medicine	Medical Toxicology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Emergency Medicine Review Committee.
Emergency Medicine	Pediatric Emergency Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Emergency Medicine Review Committee.
Emergency Medicine	Sports Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Emergency Medicine Review Committee.
Emergency Medicine	Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Emergency Medicine Review Committee.
Family Medicine	Clinical Informatics	X			

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Family Medicine	Geriatric Medicine	X			
Family Medicine	Hospice and Palliative Medicine	X			
Family Medicine	Sports Medicine	X			
Internal Medicine	Adult Congenital Heart Disease			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Cardiovascular Disease			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Clinical Informatics			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Critical Care Medicine			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Gastroenterology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Geriatric Medicine			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.

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Internal Medicine	Hospice and Palliative Medicine			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Infectious Disease			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Interventional Cardiology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Nephrology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Pulmonary Disease			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Rheumatology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Sleep Medicine			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Internal Medicine	Transplant Hepatology			X	Internal Medicine subspecialty programs are residency-dependent. However, the Review Committee for Internal Medicine will consider exceptions for a subspecialty program that is based in a specialized institution.
Medical Genetics and Genomics	Clinical Informatics	X			

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Medical Genetics and Genomics	Medical Biochemical Genetics	X			
Medical Genetics and Genomics	Molecular Genetic Pathology	X			
Neurological Surgery	Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology	X			
Neurology	Brain Injury Medicine	X			
Neurology	Clinical Neurophysiology	X			
Neurology	Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology	X			
Neurology	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	X			
Neurology	Neuromuscular Medicine	X			
Neurology	Sleep Medicine	X			
Neurology	Vascular Neurology	X			
Neurology	Pain Medicine	X			
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery			X	1) There must be at least one other ACGME-accredited program in the Sponsoring Institution. 2) The learning environment must demonstrate a strong commitment to clinical education and research. 3) The program director and faculty must demonstrate clinical and scholarly expertise.
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Gynecologic Oncology			X	1) There must be at least one other ACGME-accredited program in the Sponsoring Institution. 2) The learning environment must demonstrate a strong commitment to clinical education and research. 3) The program director and faculty must demonstrate clinical and scholarly expertise.
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Maternal-Fetal Medicine			X	1) There must be at least one other ACGME-accredited program in the Sponsoring Institution. 2) The learning environment must demonstrate a strong commitment to clinical education and research. 3) The program director and faculty must demonstrate clinical and scholarly expertise.

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Obstetrics and Gynecology	Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility			X	1) There must be at least one other ACGME-accredited program in the Sponsoring Institution. 2) The learning environment must demonstrate a strong commitment to clinical education and research. 3) The program director and faculty must demonstrate clinical and scholarly expertise.
Ophthalmology	Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Ophthalmology Review Committee.
Orthopaedic Surgery	Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedics		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Foot and Ankle Orthopaedics		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Hand Surgery		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Musculoskeletal Oncology		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Orthopaedic Sports Medicine		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Orthopaedic Surgery of the Spine		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Orthopaedic Trauma		X		
Orthopaedic Surgery	Pediatric Orthopaedics		X		
Otolaryngology	Neurotology		X		
Otolaryngology	Pediatric Otolaryngology		X		
Pathology	Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine			X	Submit specialty-specific application to ED, along with rationale and information as to how resident training will occur without having an ACGME-accredited pathology program at the institution.
Pathology	Clinical Informatics	X			
Pathology	Chemical Pathology	X			

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Pathology	Cytopathology	X			
Pathology	Dermatopathology			X	Submit specialty-specific application to ED, along with rationale and information as to how resident training will occur without having an ACGME-accredited pathology program at the institution.
Pathology	Forensic Pathology			X	Submit specialty-specific application to ED, along with rationale and information as to how resident training will occur without having an ACGME-accredited pathology program at the institution.
Pathology	Hematopathology	X			
Pathology	Medical Microbiology	X			
Pathology	Molecular Genetic Pathology	X			
Pathology	Neuropathology	X			
Pathology	Pediatric Pathology			X	Submit specialty-specific application to ED, along with rationale and information as to how resident training will occur without having an ACGME-accredited pathology program at the institution.
Pathology	Selective Pathology			X	Submit specialty-specific application to ED, along with rationale and information as to how resident training will occur without having an ACGME-accredited pathology program at the institution.
Pediatrics	Adolescent Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Child Abuse Pediatrics			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.

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Pediatrics	Clinical Informatics			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Hospice and Palliative Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Cardiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Critical Care Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Emergency Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Endocrinology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Gastroenterology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Hematology/Oncology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.



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Pediatrics	Pediatric Infectious Diseases			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Medical Toxicology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Nephrology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Pulmonology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Rheumatology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Sports Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Pediatric Transplant Hepatology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Pediatrics	Sleep Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Pediatrics Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Brain Injury Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.

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Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Neuromuscular Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Spinal Cord Injury Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Pediatric Rehabilitation			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Sports Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Pain Medicine			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Review Committee for programs based in specialized institutions.
Plastic Surgery	Craniofacial Surgery		X		
Plastic Surgery	Hand Surgery		X		
Preventive Medicine	Clinical Informatics		X		
Preventive Medicine	Medical Toxicology		X		
Preventive Medicine	Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine		X		
Psychiatry	Addiction Psychiatry	X			
Psychiatry	Brain Injury Medicine	X			

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Psychiatry	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Psychiatry Review Committee.
Psychiatry	Forensic Psychiatry	X			
Psychiatry	Geriatric Psychiatry	X			
Psychiatry	Hospice and Palliative Medicine	X			
Psychiatry	Psychosomatic Medicine	X			
Psychiatry	Sleep Medicine	X			
Radiation Oncology	Hospice and Palliative Medicine		X		
Radiology-Diagnostic	Abdominal Radiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Radiology Review Committee.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Clinical Informatics			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Radiology Review Committee.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Radiology Review Committee.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Musculoskeletal Radiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Radiology Review Committee.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Neuroradiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Radiology Review Committee.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Nuclear Radiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Radiology Review Committee.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Pediatric Radiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Radiology Review Committee.
Radiology-Diagnostic	Vascular and Interventional Radiology			X	Subspecialty programs are dependent with exceptions granted by the Radiology Review Committee.
Surgery	Complex General Surgical Oncology		X		
Surgery	Hand Surgery		X		

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Surgery	Pediatric Surgery		X		
Surgery	Surgical Critical Care		X		
Surgery	Vascular Surgery		X		
Thoracic Surgery	Congenital Cardiac Surgery		X		
Urology	Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery			X	Criteria for independent subspecialty programs are to be determined.
Urology	Pediatric Urology			X	Criteria for independent subspecialty programs are to be determined.