



## TRAINING POLICY

### Preamble

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the College of Family Physicians of Canada are the national bodies that set the minimum standards and requirements of training for the approximate 80 specialities recognized for physicians in this country. It is the responsibility of the Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Medical Education Committee (PGEC) to oversee these training programs ensuring that these minimal standards are maintained. Equally, this committee shall oversee the occasional modifications in training requirements as requested by the program Residency Training Committee. The requested modifications which, may be specific to the training program itself or programs under the umbrella of a department, would be required due to the inapplicability of the existing general rules and regulations. Such modified requirements will need to be guided by principles of natural justice and pedagogical soundness. Such decisions will require the consensus of the PGEC.

### Policy

The Postgraduate Medical Education Committee shall be responsible for approving residency training requirements which are in addition to the minimum specialty training requirements defined by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the College of Family Physicians of Canada where the failure for a resident to meet such enhanced requirements would result in prolonging the period of training.

### Process

1. Programs seeking enhanced training requirements need to make application, both in writing and with an in camera presentation to the PGEC outlining the following:
  - a) The nature of the training
  - b) The logic for the requirement
  - c) The process and timeline for addressing a resident's failure to meet the training requirements within the stipulated range
2. Approval will be by simple majority of the PGEC
3. Residents will be given at least one year's notice before any changes are enacted.



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