



Policy on Credit for Training in Other Specialties

BACKGROUND

The Board wishes to state clearly its policy regarding how credit can be granted to incoming Emergency Medicine residents who have completed previous post-graduate training in other specialties.

POLICY

It is the policy of ABEM that credit for training in other specialties may be given by ABEM under the following criteria and guidelines:

1. An individual resident may receive a maximum of six months equivalent credit for training in another specialty. This credit cannot apply to Emergency Medicine rotations.
2. The individual resident must have successfully completed graduated training (i.e., no repeat of a postgraduate level) of at least 24 months duration in a single ACGME accredited program or combined specialty program that has been approved by both respective specialty boards.
3. The 24 months of training must have been in a clinical specialty and must count toward fulfilling the clinical requirements of the program.
4. The entire 24 months of training must have occurred within a 60-month period prior to entry into the Emergency Medicine program.
5. Requests must come from the Emergency Medicine residency program director.
6. The request must address a specific resident and must provide detailed information that addresses the equivalent relationship of the individual's prior training to the Emergency Medicine training.
7. The approval by the Board shall apply only to the program submitting the request and shall not be transferable.
8. Board approval is required prior to the time the resident enters the program. Board approval is specific to the anticipated start date as listed in the program director's application for credit. If the resident does not begin the program as planned, a new request for equivalent credit must be submitted to the Board for review.
9. For purposes of administratively evaluating requests from four-year programs, the first year of a four-year program is identified as EM 0. Therefore, credit requested by the program director and approved by the Board will apply to training beyond the first year of the program.

EXCEPTION

None