An Introduction to ABEM for EM Residency Training Programs

2018-2019
Objectives

• Accredited training and how to access initial EM certification
• Single Accreditation System (SAS) transition
• ABEM transfer-related policies
• Subspecialty eligibility
• ABEM highlights and contact information
Accredited Training to Initial Certification

ACGME
Approves new specialty training; maintains training requirements

RRC-EM
Accredits residency training programs

ABMS
Approves new specialties and subspecialties leading to ABMS certification

ABEM
Certifies physicians in EM and its approved subspecialties

Introduction to ABEM: 2018-2019
Single Accreditation System Transition

- Osteopathic program receives ACGME initial accreditation
- Relevant ABEM policies take effect immediately upon a program’s ACGME accreditation
- ABEM sends information to newly accredited programs regarding next steps
SAS Program Format Transition
Guiding Principals

• Two guiding principles:
  – The resident must complete at least 4 years in the same program
    OR
  – The resident must complete at least 24 months under the new ACGME format
Program Format Transition: Resident Training Requirements

- AOA 4-year to ACGME 3-year program:
  - 4th year: complete current year training
  - 3rd year: current year + 12 months new format
  - 1st or 2nd year: current year + 24 months new format

- AOA 4-year to ACGME 4-year program:
  - Any year: complete current year training
Credit for Prior AOA Training

- Credit allowed for transfers from AOA-approved EM training to ACGME-accredited EM program
  - Up to 6 months credit for at least 12 months training
  - Up to 12 months credit for at least 24 months training
  - Amount determined by program director

- **No** credit for previous AOA-approved, non-EM training
Transfers Between ACGME EM Programs

• Do not require ABEM pre-approval
• ABEM always available to discuss
• ABEM must be notified when transfer has occurred
• Outgoing program director must verify partial training with ABEM immediately
Credit for Training in Other Specialties

- Requires ABEM pre-approval
- A maximum of 12 months of credit can be granted
- Visit ABEM’s website for more information
Combined Training Programs

- Oversight by each applicable ABMS Board; guidelines on website
- ABEM provides oversight, not RRC-EM
- All transfers require ABEM pre-approval
- ABEM available to discuss questions
Subspecialty Eligibility for AOBEM-certified Physicians

- Completion of ACGME fellowship training between July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2022
- Eligible only for EMS, HPM, IM-CCM, MedTox, PedEM, Sports Medicine, and UHM
- Call ABEM with questions on eligibility criteria
ABEM Highlights

- In-training Examination (ITE)
- Residency Visitation Program (RVP)
- Training Information System (TIS)
- Training verification
- Initial EM certification
- ABEM website, FAQs, and important dates
- Verify ABEM certification
- ABEM contact information
In-training Examination

• Predictive of whether resident will pass the ABEM Qualifying Examination on first attempt
• Not designed for program evaluation or resident promotion
  – Tool for residents’ continued learning
• Optional examination
• Administered by EM programs
Residency Visitation Program

• ABEM directors visit all ACGME-accredited, EM residency programs on a rotating, 3- or 4-year basis at no cost
• Promotes communication
• Informs residents about becoming ABEM-certified
Training Information System

• ABEM database to track individual residents

• Purpose
  – In-training Examination (ITE) pre-registration
  – Board eligibility for ABEM initial certification
  – Yearly article in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*

• Programs enter information online annually
Training Verification

• Purpose
  – Ensure that residents’ training meets ABEM requirements and policies; required, even if training not successful

• Program directors enter information online
  – Attest completion of training
Initial EM Certification

Three Steps

1. Apply for & obtain approval to access the initial EM certification process
2. Pass the Qualifying Examination
3. Pass the Oral Certification Examination
ABEM Website Helpful Hints

- Program directors (& coordinators) tab
- ABEM portal sign-in
- Resource section
- Become certified tab (in EM and subspecialties)
## Important ABEM Dates for Residency Programs

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<td>Begins Late February (see ABEM website for dates)</td>
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<td>Early to mid April</td>
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<td>Mid-April</td>
<td>Initial EM certification application cycle begins</td>
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<td>Program directors attest to residents who completed training</td>
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Online Physician Verification

Who is ABEM Certified?

Is your physician board certified?

To view the privacy statement, please click here

First Name: 
Last Name: 
Date of Birth: 
State: 

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