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These training requirements apply to those who begin training on or after July 1st, 20xx.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Royal College Certification in Anesthesiology; Internal Medicine, Neurology; Rheumatology; Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; Psychiatry, or enrolment in a Royal College accredited residency program in these areas (see requirements for these qualifications). All candidates must be certified in their primary specialty in order to be eligible to write the Royal College certification examination in Pain Medicine.

Candidates certificated by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, Pediatrics, or any other medical or surgical specialty may, by special consideration, be deemed eligible for training and Royal College certification in Pain Medicine.

Candidates certified by Canadian College of Family Physicians with an additional focused year of competence may under special consideration be eligible for entry into Pain Medicine training.

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

1. 26 blocks (or 24 months) of approved residency in Pain Medicine, to be undertaken after completion of the PGY 5 year of training for certification in the disciplines of Anesthesiology, Neurology, Rheumatology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation or Psychiatry. This period must include:
 - 1.1. 13 blocks (52 weeks) of clinical experience in an accredited outpatient multidisciplinary pain clinic
 - 1.2. 13 blocks (52 weeks) in the following rotations:
 - 1.2.1. Two (2) blocks Ambulatory Psychiatry/Addiction Medicine
 - 1.2.2. One (1) block Neurology
 - 1.2.3. One (1) block Musculoskeletal System (Physical Medicine Rheumatology)
 - 1.2.4. One (1) block Acute Pain Service
 - 1.2.5. One (1) block Cancer Pain and Symptom Management
 - 1.2.6. One (1) block Pediatric Pain Service

1.2.7. Six (6) blocks Electives

These blocks may be completed longitudinally throughout an agreed –upon time period, not restricted to the block period. For example, two 4-week blocks of psychiatry equals 320 hours of training. This may be obtained by attending outpatient Psychiatry clinics for two days a week over 20 weeks rather than in 8 consecutive 5 day weeks.

NOTES:

Royal College certification in Pain Medicine requires all of the following:

1. Certification in a primary specialty;
2. Successful completion of a 2-year Royal College accredited program in Pain Medicine;
3. Successful completion of the certification examination in Pain Medicine, and
4. Participation in and dissemination of the findings of a clinical, research, quality assurance or education project.

The 2-year (26 blocks) program outlined above is to be regarded as the minimum training requirement. Additional year(s) of training may be required by the program director depending on the results of the in-training evaluation to ensure that clinical competence has been achieved.

During the Pain Medicine program the resident must be provided with increasing responsibility in the care of patients and in the manual and interpretive skills that relate to Pain Medicine.

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