

**Frequently Asked Questions: General Cardiology (Residency)  
Review Committee-International  
ACGME-I**

Question	Answer
<b>Faculty</b>	
<p>Can the associate program director who is an internal medicine physician also serve on the program's Clinical Competency Committee (CCC)?</p> <p><i>[Advanced Specialty Program Requirements: II.B.1. and V.A.1.]</i></p>	<p>Yes. The same internal medicine faculty member can be both the associate program director and serve as the general internal medicine faculty member on the CCC.</p>
<b>Regularly Scheduled Educational Activities</b>	
<p>How can programs offer residents the opportunity to review material from missed conferences?</p> <p><i>[Advanced Specialty Program Requirement: IV.B.1.a)]</i></p>	<p>Programs must have a mechanism to allow residents to obtain information when conferences are missed due to vacation, day off, post-call or when assigned to a distant participating site. The Review Committee-International will accept a variety of solutions. For example, programs can use videotaped conferences, web casting, make slides available online, repeat conferences, or offer a parallel conference at a participating site.</p>
<b>Clinical Experiences</b>	
<p>How can programs minimize rotational transitions?</p> <p><i>[Advanced Specialty Program Requirement: IV.C.1.]</i></p>	<p>Difficulty in rotational transitions can occur for a variety of reasons, such as conflicting demands across multiple services, specialties, and treatment settings; travel times and the distance between training sites; and multiple work shifts. The Review Committee-International encourages programs to review the conflicts that occur in their clinical setting(s) and actively seek solutions.</p> <p>Some examples of solutions include scheduling rotations at a specific location in blocks to minimize commuting; scheduling hospital-based and more distant site rotations to occur separately from the outpatient clinic experience; and limiting the number of work shifts.</p>
<p>What experiences will fulfill the requirement that residents participate in training using simulation?</p>	<p>The Review Committee-International does not expect each program to have a simulation center or specific simulation equipment. The requirement for simulation means that the program provides learning about patient care in a setting that does not include actual patients. Examples of simulation activities include objective structured</p>

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[Advanced Specialty Program Requirement: IV.C.10]	clinical examinations (OSCEs), standardized patients, patient simulators, or electronic simulation of codes, procedures, or other clinical scenarios.
<b>Other</b>	
How can a program submit an application for accreditation of a general cardiology residency?	<p>After a Sponsoring Institution receives ACGME-I accreditation, it may apply for ACGME-I accreditation for a general cardiology residency program. To start the process, the institution's designated institutional official (DIO) must submit the program director's name and contact information. The program director will then receive instructions for accessing the Accreditation Data System (ADS).</p> <p>The application includes an online portion and several required documents that must be uploaded. One required document, the Advanced Specialty Application, can be requested by emailing <a href="mailto:acgme-i@acgme-i.org">acgme-i@acgme-i.org</a>.</p> <p>The DIO must submit the completed application, including the online portion and all required uploads, in ADS. Application deadlines are 15 March and 15 September. All residency applications also require a site visit.</p>