

**Frequently Asked Questions: Obesity Medicine/Bariatric Medicine
Review Committee-International
ACGME-I**

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Institution	
<p>What are circumstances in which the Review Committee-International would consider the fellowship to be negatively impacting the education of residents in the affiliated internal medicine, family medicine, and/or pediatrics residency program?</p> <p><i>[Advanced Specialty Program Requirement: I.A.2.]</i></p>	<p>Some examples of negative impact on a residency program include: if only fellows are assigned to obesity medicine/bariatric medicine clinics; or if only fellows can provide care for these patients. Such circumstances would diminish the amount of clinical experience available to residents. If faculty members are limited to providing didactics or mentoring research projects for only fellows, this could limit or exclude these learning opportunities for residents.</p>
Fellow Appointment	
<p>Since graduates from a wide range of specialties are eligible for appointment into a fellowship in obesity medicine/bariatric medicine, how can a program determine the residents who are most likely to be successful?</p> <p><i>[Advanced Specialty Program Requirement: III.A.1.]</i></p>	<p>It is the program director's responsibility to determine which applicants would be best suited for appointment into the fellowship program. Considerations may include an applicant's residency experiences, competence in specific procedures or patient care skills, and the educational mission and aims of the fellowship. Programs can consider requiring a Milestones assessment within the first months of the program to determine each fellow's individual learning goals. If necessary, the length of time in the fellowship can be extended to allow for development of specific competencies.</p>
Specialty-Specific Educational Program	
<p>When a requirement indicates that a clinical experience must be for a specific time period (such as at least 80 hours) over the course of the program, how is the length of</p>	<p>The experience can be integrated and spread throughout the curriculum occurring, for example, during a multidisciplinary clinic. When the experience is integrated, the program director should estimate the time a fellow is engaged in the specific clinical activity indicated in the requirement. These experiences may also be completed during</p>

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<p>the experience counted?</p> <p><i>[Advanced Specialty Program Requirements: IV.C.2.a); IV.C.3.a); IV.C.4.a) and b); IV.C.6.a); IV.C.7.a)]</i></p>	<p>a specific rotation; however, when a specific rotation is used, it should be completed as blocks of no less than two full-time equivalent weeks.</p>