



**University of Kentucky
College of Medicine
Graduate Medical Education
Policy on Educational Resources for Pain Medicine**

Policy

Consistent with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education [Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education \(GME\) in Pain Medicine](#), a program in pain medicine must be multidisciplinary. Therefore, the ACGME mandates that institutional policies be established to cover the educational resources committed to pain medicine training programs and to ensure cooperation of all involved disciplines.

Procedure

Physicians in many specialties can benefit from pain medicine education and training. The ACGME permits a resident from any specialty that has met prerequisite requirements to enroll in a Pain Medicine program. Not every certifying board will recognize pain subspecialty education, so the individual resident and the program director are responsible for determining individual board eligibility with the respective certifying board prior to enrollment in the pain program.

Pain medicine training and experience are modified to meet the needs of each trainee based on his or her background and experience and on his or her career goals. Each discipline in this multidisciplinary program must provide the resources necessary to provide comprehensive pain medicine training to assure the needs of each trainee can be achieved.

The pain medicine program director is assigned primary responsibility for organizing the educational program for each pain medicine trainee and to assure cooperation among all involved disciplines. A single multidisciplinary fellowship committee must meet annually to review the program's resources and its attainment of its stated goals and objectives.

The Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and the GMEC will monitor educational resources committed to the pain training program through review of the program's Annual Program Evaluation (APE) and the annual ACGME Survey of Residents as applicable.

If difficulties in the distribution of resources committed to pain medicine training are identified, the DIO will meet with the program director to assess the resource issues and to recommend corrective action. The DIO will report these findings through the Graduate Medical Education (GMEC) Compliance Subcommittee and other primary clinical training site, affiliated training site, and Sponsoring Institution officials to ensure any resource concerns are addressed. The GMEC possesses final authority to assure cooperation among the disciplines if conflict regarding resource allocation is not resolved through the previously described mechanisms.

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