

**Frequently Asked Questions: Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesiology
Review Committee for Anesthesiology
ACGME**

Question	Answer
Fellow Appointments	
<p>How can fellows entering from adult cardiac anesthesiology complete the required pediatric anesthesiology education?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: III.A.1.b).(2)(a)]</i></p>	<p>The Review Committee recognizes that the core anesthesiology residency education requires a minimum of two months of pediatric anesthesiology. However, fellows should have pediatric anesthesiology education at a fellowship level, and residency does not count toward meeting this requirement.</p> <p>If a fellow entering from adult cardiac anesthesiology does not have pediatric anesthesiology educational experience at the fellowship level, this can be accomplished through a one-month rotation at the start of the pediatric cardiac anesthesiology fellowship program.</p>
Educational Program	
<p>Who is included in the multidisciplinary team for patient safety and patient care quality?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: IV.C.8.a)]</i></p>	<p>The multidisciplinary team is the pediatric cardiac team that includes surgeons, nurses, anesthesiologists, pediatricians, and other staff members in the intensive care unit (ICU) or the operating room.</p>
<p>How should fellows assign cases to the pediatric cardiac procedure categories?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: IV.C.3.a)]</i></p>	<p>Fellows should have at least two procedures that fulfill two separate categories. One case should not fulfill multiple categories. For example, a heart transplant should be counted as either the surgical procedure or the placement of a circulatory assist device, but not both.</p>
<p>Must the presentation or publication of fellows' scholarly activity occur before completion of the fellowship?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: IV.D.3.a).(1)]</i></p>	<p>No. A fellow's involvement in a project should begin or continue during the fellowship, but the presentation or publication can occur after the fellowship has been completed.</p>
The Learning and Working Environment	

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<p>Does the Review Committee limit the maximum number of consecutive weeks of night float?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: VI.F.6.]</i></p>	<p>No. The Review Committee recognizes that under certain circumstances, fellows may derive benefit from night float work, but the benefit should be clear to and understood by both faculty members and fellows. During an accreditation review, the Review Committee will determine whether fellows on night float are able to take advantage of educational sessions and other opportunities offered during regular daytime hours. If the Committee determines that fellows derive little benefit from night float or are not able to participate in other educational sessions as a result of night call responsibilities, the program may be cited for inadequate educational experience on the respective rotation.</p>
Other	
<p>What does the Review Committee require of a fellow taking approved medical, parental, or caregiver leave(s) of absence?</p> <p><i>[Institutional Requirement: IV.H.]</i></p>	<p>The Review Committee allows for flexibility in approved leaves of absence at the program level, provided that all clinical experience requirements are met, including case and procedure logs, and that the Clinical Competency Committee considers the fellow fully prepared for autonomous practice.</p>