

**ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education
in Neuromuscular Medicine
Summary and Impact of Interim Requirement Revisions**

Requirement #: **III.A.1.c)**

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

III.A.1.c) Fellow Eligibility Exception

The Review Committees for Neurology and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation will allow the following exception to the fellowship eligibility requirements:

III.A.1.c).(1) An ACGME-accredited fellowship program may accept an exceptionally qualified international graduate applicant who does not satisfy the eligibility requirements listed in III.A.1., but who does meet all of the following additional qualifications and conditions: ^(Core)

III.A.1.c).(1).(a) evaluation by the program director and fellowship selection committee of the applicant's suitability to enter the program, based on prior training and review of the summative evaluations of training in the core specialty; and, ^(Core)

III.A.1.c).(1).(b) review and approval of the applicant's exceptional qualifications by the GMEC; and, ^(Core)

III.A.1.c).(1).(c) verification of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification. ^(Core)

III.A.1.c).(2) Applicants accepted through this exception must have an evaluation of their performance by the Clinical Competency Committee within 12 weeks of matriculation. ^(Core)

1. Describe the Review Committee's rationale for this revision:

The Review Committee never intended to allow this exception. It was an error in the posting and there is therefore no change in the Review Committee's rationale. The Review Committee had a full discussion of this exception again at its January 2020 meeting and again voted to not allow the exception for the following reasons:

- 1) Currently, all neurology fellowships are one year in length, and subspecialty Milestones are based on the assumption that fellows will have completed many of the milestones for basic neurologic skills and communication during neurology residency. Such a short fellowship length would not allow sufficient time for integration into US ACGME programs or for assessment of the skills necessary to perform safely in the fellowship.**
- 2) Fellows would not be eligible for American Board of Medical Specialties certifying boards, while board certification is one of the factors used by Review Committees to assess programs.**
- 3) The original vote of the committee is not being considered as legitimate**

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?
This will not affect resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality.
3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?
This will not affect continuity of patient care.
4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how?
This will not necessitate additional institutional resources.
5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs?
This will not affect other accredited programs.