

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

Requirement #: **Int.C.1.-2.**

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

Int.C.1. The educational program for family medicine ~~and internal medicine~~ graduates must be at least 24 months in length. ^(Core)

Int.C.2. The educational program for internal medicine, combined internal medicine-pediatrics, and pediatrics graduates must be 36 months in length. ^{(Core)*}

1. Describe the Review Committee’s rationale for this revision:
Currently, the adolescent medicine certificate is co-sponsored by the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), and the American Board of Family Medicine. The ABIM plans to change its status for this certificate from co-sponsoring board to qualifying board. With the ABIM as a qualifying board, internal medicine physicians may still enter and complete an adolescent medicine fellowship, but they will apply for the initial certification exam through and be credentialed by the ABP. The ABP eligibility requirements related to three years of adolescent medicine fellowship training would apply to all candidates seeking certification through the ABP.

The ABP and ABIM are requesting that the program requirements related to program length be changed to reflect that internal medicine physicians must complete three years of training to align with the requirement for pediatricians to complete three years of training.
2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?
No change is expected.
3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?
No change is expected.
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?
Resources to provide an additional year of training for the internal medicine physicians would now be required.
5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs?
There should be no impact.