Policy on Fellowship Training Requirements

BACKGROUND

The American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) has adopted a policy regarding fellowship training requirements and breaks in training as it relates to the Board's credentialing requirements.

POLICY

It is the policy of ABEM that physicians must have successfully completed the fellowship training requirements of an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)–accredited program to be eligible for certification in a particular subspecialty. ABEM diplomates who successfully complete a Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)–accredited fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine, Internal Medicine-Critical Care Medicine, Neurocritical Care Medicine, or Pediatric Emergency Medicine will be eligible for ABEM subspecialty certification in those subspecialties. A fellow must complete at least 46 weeks of training at each fellowship level to be eligible for certification.

It is the policy of ABEM that physicians must successfully complete at least 46 weeks of fellowship training requirements of an Emergency Ultrasound Fellowship Accreditation Council (EUFAC)–accredited program to be eligible under the Training Pathway for a focused practice designation in Advanced Emergency Medicine Ultrasonography (AEMUS).

Effective with physicians who enroll for the first time on or after July 1, 2011, interruptions in training may not exceed three years at any one time in order for the earlier training to be considered towards fulfilling the Board's credentialing requirements.

PROCEDURES

Physicians who successfully complete an ACGME-accredited, appropriate RCPSC-accredited, or EUFAC-accredited fellowship program may submit a certification or focused practice designation application during any regular application cycle. The Board independently verifies with the fellowship director(s) that the physician completed the training necessary to meet the credential requirements.

EXCEPTION

None