Subspecialty Training Requirements in Hematology

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These training requirements apply to those who begin training on or after July 1st, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Royal College Certification in Internal Medicine or enrolment in a Royal College accredited residency program in Internal Medicine (see requirements for these qualifications). All candidates must be certified in Internal Medicine in order to be eligible to write the Royal College certification examination in Hematology.

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

1. Twenty four (24) months of approved training in Hematology, a maximum of one year of which may be undertaken at the fourth year residency level during training for Certification in Internal Medicine. This 24 month period must include:

   1.1. Eight (8) months of clinical Hematology. This must include adequate exposure to thrombosis and hemostasis, malignant Hematology, and general consultative Hematology. This must include practice in the inpatient and ambulatory settings and must include primary patient care, consultative practice and exposure to maternal health and hemoglobinopathy. Exposure to community practice is recommended

   1.2. One (1) month of pediatric hematology

   1.3. One (1) month of stem cell transplantation. The experience must include exposure to new patient assessment, donor selection, stem cell collection and infusion and management of complications including graft-versus-host disease in both the autologous and allogeneic setting

   1.4. Six (6) months in laboratory Hematology. This must include adequate exposure to routine Hematology, morphology, cytogenetics, molecular testing and diagnostics, Transfusion Medicine, coagulation laboratory, and lymph node and splenic pathology

   1.5. One (1) month or its equivalent longitudinally of research or quality improvement activities related to Hematology

   1.6. Seven (7) months selected from any of the following:

      1.6.1. Additional training related to clinical Hematology

      1.6.2. Additional training in laboratory Hematology or one of its branches
1.6.3. Additional research related to Hematology

1.6.4. Approved course of study or training relevant to the objectives of Hematology and acceptable to the program director and to the College, at a hospital or university center in Canada or abroad

**NOTES:**

Royal College certification in Hematology requires all of the following:

1. Certification in Internal Medicine;

2. Successful completion of the requirements of a 2-year Royal College accredited program in Hematology;

3. Participation in a scholarly research, quality assurance, or educational project relevant to Hematology; and

4. Successful completion of the certification examination in Hematology.

The two year program outlined above is to be regarded as the minimum training requirement. Additional year(s) of training may be required by the program director to ensure that clinical competence has been achieved.

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