Subspecialty Training Requirements in General Surgical Oncology

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These training requirements apply to those who begin training on or after July 1, 2015.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Royal College Certification in General Surgery or completion of a Royal College approved training program in General Surgery (see requirements for these qualifications). All candidates must be Royal College certified in General Surgery in order to be eligible to write the Royal College certification examination in General Surgical Oncology.

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Twenty four (24) months of approved residency in General Surgical Oncology, which must include:

1. Twelve (12) months of core rotations in General Surgical Oncology which must include a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of six (6) months (or longitudinal equivalent) in each of the following experiences (experience in each of these areas may be grouped within a rotation)
   1.1. Breast cancer
   1.2. Melanoma
   1.3. Gastrointestinal (GI) cancer including lower GI, upper GI, hepato-pancreatico-biliary (HPB) and peritoneal based malignancies
   1.4. Sarcoma

2. One (1) month of each of the following:
   2.1. Medical oncology
   2.2. Radiation oncology
   2.3. Surgical pathology

3. Three (3) to six (6) months of clinical experience in General Surgical Oncology, as senior resident, tailored to the specific interests and career goals of the resident

4. Research experience organized as one of the following:
   4.1. Three (3) to six (6) months in a dedicated research rotation
   4.2. Longitudinal experience with designated time for a scholarly project which may be
allocated over the course of one or several clinical rotations if at least four (4) hours of scheduled scholarship time is allocated during regular working hours each week over a minimum of two (2) months

5. Up to three (3) months of subspecialized surgical oncology tailored to the specific interests and career goals of the resident

NOTES:

NOTE: Senior residency is defined as a year in which the resident is regularly entrusted with the responsibility for pre-operative, operative, and post-operative care, including the most difficult problems in General Surgical Oncology. The senior resident shall be in charge of a general surgical oncology unit. The senior resident shall be directly responsible to the attending staff surgeons in the general surgical oncology unit.

Non-Royal College Training:

Those who have completed equivalent training in an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved General Surgical Oncology program may be eligible for the Royal College examination in General Surgical Oncology.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:

Royal College certification in General Surgical Oncology requires all of the following:

1. Royal College certification in General Surgery;

2. Successful completion of a 2-year Royal College accredited program in General Surgical Oncology;

3. Successful completion of the certification examination in General Surgical Oncology; and

4. Participation in a scholarly research, quality assurance, or educational project relevant to General Surgical Oncology.

The 2-year program outlined above is to be regarded as the minimum training requirement. Additional training may be required by the program director to ensure that clinical competence has been achieved.

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