

*These training requirements apply to those who begin training on or after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.*

## **MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Five (5) years of accredited residency training. This period must include:

### Basic Clinical Training

1. Thirteen (13) blocks of basic clinical training relevant to Anatomical Pathology. This period must include:
  - 1.1. Two (2) blocks in a surgical specialty
  - 1.2. Two (2) blocks in Internal Medicine, including General Internal Medicine or other subspecialties
  - 1.3. One (1) block in Pediatrics or a pediatric subspecialty
  - 1.4. One (1) block in Obstetrics and Gynecology or a subspecialty thereof
  - 1.5. One (1) block in an oncologic specialty
  - 1.6. Six (6) blocks of further basic clinical training as approved by the program director

### Core Anatomical Pathology

2. Forty (40) blocks of approved residency training in Anatomical Pathology. These forty (40) blocks must include a minimum of:
  - 2.1. Twenty-five (25) blocks or equivalent longitudinal experience in surgical pathology and adult autopsy pathology
  - 2.2. One (1) block or equivalent longitudinal experience in molecular pathology and cytogenetics
  - 2.3. Two (2) blocks or equivalent longitudinal experience in forensic pathology
  - 2.4. Four (4) blocks or equivalent longitudinal experience in cytopathology, one (1) of which must be completed in final year
  - 2.5. Two (2) blocks or equivalent longitudinal experience in pediatric pathology
  - 2.6. Two (2) blocks or equivalent longitudinal experience in neuropathology

### Selectives

3. Twelve (12) blocks of approved training in one or more of the following:
  - 3.1. Clinical or basic research work in a biomedical topic
  - 3.2. Anatomical Pathology training acceptable to the program director
  - 3.3. Training in another branch or branches of laboratory medicine
  - 3.4. Internal Medicine or a medical subspecialty
  - 3.5. General Surgery or a surgical subspecialty
  - 3.6. Obstetrics and Gynecology
  - 3.7. Pediatrics or a pediatric subspecialty

### **NOTES:**

1. For the purposes of this document, one (1) block is equal to four (4) weeks of training.
2. The purpose of the training required under section 1 is to give the resident a degree of independent responsibility for clinical decisions; an opportunity for further development of the skills required in making effective relationships with patients; the consolidation of competence in primary clinical and technical skills across a broad range of medical practice; and an understanding of the nature of the relationships between a referring physician and the consulting pathologist.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION**

Royal College certification in Anatomical Pathology requires all of the following:

1. Successful completion of a 5-year accredited program in Anatomical Pathology; and
2. Successful completion of a scholarly project relevant to Anatomical Pathology; and
3. Successful completion of the certification examination in Anatomical Pathology.

The 5-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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