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