

## Application Guidelines for Interventional Radiology Review Committee for Radiology

The interventional radiology residency has two formats: an integrated five-year program and an independent two-year program. Institutions may apply for: both program formats, integrated only, or independent only.

Institutions can submit the interventional radiology-independent program application at any time.

A site visit is **not** required for an application for an independent program at a Sponsoring Institution that already has an accredited interventional radiology-integrated program.

A site visit **is** required for an application for an independent program at a Sponsoring Institution that **does not** already have an accredited interventional radiology-integrated program.

### Application Considerations

A single specialty-specific application form is available for both program formats.

For all interventional radiology applications (interventional radiology-integrated, interventional radiology-independent, and Early Specialization in Interventional Radiology [ESIR]), programs must provide goals and objectives for all core interventional radiology and interventional radiology-related rotations.

Application considerations based on the type of program requested are summarized below:

#### 1. Applying for both an integrated and independent program at the same time

- a. A completed application consists of both the common application form and the interventional radiology specialty-specific form. Institutions applying for both a five-year integrated and a two-year independent program will need to initiate and complete *two separate common application forms* in the Accreditation Data System (ADS) but may use the same fully completed interventional radiology specialty-specific form for both.
- b. The interventional radiology-integrated program application will be processed first, so that a site visit can occur for accreditation review at the next available Review Committee meeting.
- c. The interventional radiology-independent program application will be processed after the integrated program application has been reviewed and accredited, and will **not** require a site visit.

#### 2. Applying for an integrated program only

- a. An interventional radiology-integrated program application will receive a site visit and be reviewed for accreditation at the next available Review Committee meeting.

#### 3. Applying for an independent program only

- a. If the institution already has an accredited interventional radiology-integrated program, the Review Committee staff will return a copy of the integrated application to the program to ease data entry efforts for the independent

application. The independent application will **not** require a site visit.

- b. If the institution does not have an accredited interventional radiology-integrated program, the independent program application will necessitate a site visit prior to review for accreditation at the next available Review Committee meeting.

**4. Applying for an integrated program with the PGY-1 clinical year as a 72-month program**

- a. The PGY-2–6 interventional radiology-integrated application will be reviewed first. After Initial Accreditation is granted, the program can then apply for the PGY-1 clinical year approval.

## Q and A

1	<p><b>Question:</b> Is there a special format for the block diagram?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Yes. To better facilitate the review of applications for integrated programs, the Review Committee requests that block diagrams submitted with applications follow a standard format. The block diagram submitted with an application should have all interventional radiology and interventional radiology-related rotations highlighted to denote those specific experiences. Block diagrams should also include a key to define any abbreviations used for site names and/or rotations, and should indicate specific rotational experiences (not simply denoting rotations as “DR,” for example). An example is shown in <b>Appendix 1</b>.</p>
2	<p><b>Question:</b> Does the independent program application require a block diagram, and if so, can we use the same block diagram from the integrated program?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Yes, the independent program application does require inclusion of a block diagram; however, applicants should not use the block diagram from the integrated program. The block diagram for the independent program will be unique, as it reflects a two-year curriculum versus the integrated five-year curriculum.</p>
3	<p><b>Question:</b> Who should be included on the Faculty Roster?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> The Faculty Roster should include the essential core faculty members of the program and should demonstrate that the program has met the minimum faculty requirements (see below). From a program perspective, listing an individual as a core faculty member means their information must annually be maintained and reported in ADS, including their scholarly activity, certification dates, and licensure dates. This also means that these individuals will be asked to complete the annual Faculty Survey for the program. At the very least, the Faculty Roster should list the following individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program director</li> <li>• Associate program director</li> <li>• Members of the Clinical Competency Committee</li> <li>• Members of the Program Evaluation Committee</li> <li>• Minimum required interventional radiology and diagnostic radiology faculty members per the Program Requirements (see below)</li> </ul> <p>Any additional core faculty names included on the Faculty Roster are at the program’s discretion. Programs should list interventional radiology faculty members at the beginning of the Faculty Roster.</p>

The following interventional radiology requirements should be considered when completing the Faculty Roster:

### **Integrated Programs**

II.B.1.b) The faculty should include, in aggregate, at least two FTE interventional radiologists, including the program director. (Detail)

#### **II.B.4.b) Integrated Programs**

II.B.4.b).(1) There must be at least eight core physician faculty members to represent each of the following practice domains: (Core)

II.B.4.b).(1).(a) abdominal (gastrointestinal and genitourinary) radiology; (Core)

II.B.4.b).(1).(b) breast radiology; (Core)

II.B.4.b).(1).(c) cardiothoracic (cardiac and thoracic) radiology; (Core)

II.B.4.b).(1).(d) interventional radiology; (Core)

II.B.4.b).(1).(e) musculoskeletal radiology; (Core)

II.B.4.b).(1).(f) neuroradiology; (Core)

II.B.4.b).(1).(g) nuclear radiology and molecular imaging; and, (Core)

II.B.4.b).(1).(h) pediatric radiology. (Core)

II.B.1.c).(4) An assistant or associate program director that is clinically active in diagnostic radiology should be appointed. (Detail)

### **Independent Programs**

II.B.1.b) The faculty must include, in aggregate, at least two FTE interventional radiologists, including the program director. (Core)

II.B.1.b).(3) Independent programs with greater than four residents must maintain a ratio of no less than one interventional radiologist for every two residents. (Core)

## Appendix 1. Block Diagram of Proposed Interventional Radiology-Integrated Curriculum (Sample)

Follow the general block diagram format as demonstrated in the example below.

<b>Year 1</b>	Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PGY-2	Institution	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp Y	Hosp Y	Hosp Y
	Rotation	Peds	NM	Neuro	U/S	BI	Chest	MSK	Chest	ER	IR	GI	BI	Neuro
	Weeks	4	4	4	6	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	4	4
<b>Year 2</b>	Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PGY-3	Institution	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp Y	Hosp Y	Hosp Y	Hosp Y	Hosp Y
	Rotation	Peds	NM	Mammo	IR	BI	MSK	Chest	Neuro	U/S	Neuro	Float/ER	Cardio	GI
	Weeks	4	4	4	4	4	6	4	4	2	4	4	4	4
<b>Year 3</b>	Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PGY-4	Institution	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp Y	Hosp Y
	Rotation	IR	NM	Mammo	U/S	Cardiac	IR	Neuro	AIRP	Float/ER	Body MRI	Peds	U/S	Neuro
	Weeks	6	4	4	6	4	4	2	4	2	6	4	4	2
<b>Year 4</b>	Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PGY-5	Institution	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp Y	Hosp Y	Hosp Y
	Rotation	IR	NM	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	Neuro IR	Float/ER	IR	IR	IR	IR
	Weeks	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	4	4
<b>Year 5</b>	Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PGY-6	Institution	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp X	Hosp Y	Hosp Y	Hosp Y	Hosp Y
	Rotation	IR	IR	Mammo	IR	IR	IR	IR	Neuro IR	Float/ER	ICU	IR	IR	IR
	Weeks	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	4	4

Vacation is taken during rotations.

This is tracked to ensure that adequate experience occurs in all subsections of interventional radiology and that requirements in nuclear medicine and mammography are met.