



Policy Name:	The Basic Clinical Year: Guidelines for Residency Programs
Application/Scope:	All PGME Royal College Residency Programs participating in the BCY
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BACKGROUND

The Basic Clinical Year (BCY) is a component of a broad-based clinical experience required by fourteen (14) specialty Residency Programs at the University of Manitoba accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC). Each of the Residency Programs having a Basic Clinical Year is unique with respect to the educational requirements of their trainees, consistent with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) Specialty Training Requirements for each specialty Residency Program. Therefore, although the oversight of the Basic Clinical Year is the responsibility of the Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Medical Education and the Associate Dean, PGME, the specific details pertaining to the Basic Clinical Year including rotations, goals and objectives and the educational curriculum are the responsibility of the Residency Programs.

DEFINITIONS

Basic Clinical Year (BCY) – refers to the first year of training (PGY-1) for residents in fourteen (14) specialty Residency Programs at the University of Manitoba, including: Anatomic Pathology, Anesthesia, Community Medicine, Diagnostic Radiology, Emergency Medicine, Medical Microbiology, Neurology, Nuclear Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Occupational Medicine, Ophthalmology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Psychiatry and Radiation Oncology.

Core Curriculum - Refers to the educational sessions developed and delivered through the Faculty of Medicine, PGME Program.

OTR – refers to the Objectives of Training Requirements, which are the educational objectives unique to each specialty Residency Program as determined by the RCPSC Specialty Committees.

STR – refers to the Specialty Training Requirements of RCPSC Residency Programs. The STR document describes the educational experiences/rotations for Residency Programs as determined by the RCPSC Specialty Committees, which are charged with ensuring that the BCY for their specialty is consistent throughout Canada.

PGME – Postgraduate Medical Education

RPC – Residency Program Committee

RCPSC – Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide guidance to Residency Programs having a Basic Clinical Year (BCY) with respect to duties and responsibilities for their BCY residents

2. STATEMENT OF POLICY

- 2.1 The Associate Dean, PGME and the Faculty of Medicine PGME Executive Committee have the overall responsibility of ensuring that the needs of all Residency Programs requiring the BCY are being met.
- 2.2 Specific responsibilities of the Faculty of Medicine PGME with respect to the BCY include the following:
 - 2.2.1 Ensuring and facilitating the scheduling of BCY residents by the Residency Program Assistant to clinical rotations through coordination and communication with the relevant Residency Program Directors
 - 2.2.2 Providing Core Curriculum sessions to the BCY residents
- 2.3 Each specialty Residency Program having a BCY must develop the requirements of the BCY for their own residents, including the following:
 - 2.3.1 Development of rotation-specific goals and objectives for the BCY according to the OTR of the RCPSC specialty
 - 2.3.2 Determining the number and types of rotations for the BCY according to the STR of the RCPSC specialty
 - 2.3.3 Monitoring the experiences of the BCY trainees during the BCY to ensure that there is a progression of independence and graded responsibility
 - 2.3.4 Development of methods of assessment of the BCY residents

3. PROCEDURES

- 3.1 The Faculty of Medicine PGME BCY Subcommittee (BCYS) will ensure that the needs and interests of all Residency Programs requiring the Basic Clinical Year are being met.
 - 3.1.1 The BCYS will consist of the following members:
 - 3.1.1.1 Chair: appointed by the Associate Dean, PGME
 - 3.1.1.2 All Residency Program Directors requiring BCY

3.1.1.3 One (1) PARIM representative who is currently a BCY resident

3.1.1.4 One (1) PARIM representative who was previously a BCY resident

3.2 The BCYS will meet quarterly to discuss and to deal with issues common to all BCY Residency Programs

3.3 The BCYS will report to the Associate Dean, PGME and to the Faculty of Medicine PGME Executive Committee

3.4 Program Directors and Residency Program Committees with a BCY should devote specific time at RPC meetings to address the needs of the BCY residents.

3.5 A BCY resident should be elected to the Residency Program Committee.

POLICY CONTACT: Associate Dean, PGME

REFERENCE

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Accreditation Committee Position Paper, Accreditation of the Basic Clinical Year, May 2011

http://www.royalcollege.ca/portal/page/portal/rc/common/documents/accreditation/basic_clinical_year_e.pdf