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OPTIONS FOR RESEARCH DURING RESIDENCY TRAINING

There are **OPTIONS FOR RESEARCH** during the anesthesiology residency. Interested residents could spend approximately 25% of a 3- or 4-year training program, and more than 35% of a 5-year program, engaged in scholarly activities. Suggested templates for research during the anesthesiology residency are posted on the ABA website www.theABA.org. The program director must develop a plan with strict guidelines for research activity and “work product” oversight if a resident’s research activities will be more than 6 months. *The resident must be enrolled in an ACGME-accredited anesthesiology program and remain active in the educational component of the program while pursuing research.*

Involvement in scholarly activities must result in the generation of a specific written “work product”. Review of scholarly activity and the written work product will occur at the local level by a Scholarship Oversight Committee responsible for overseeing and assessing the trainee’s progress and verifying to the ABA that the requirement has been met. The Scholarship Oversight Committee must consist of three or more faculty members. The program director may serve as a trainee’s mentor and participate in the activities of the Scholarship Oversight Committee, but should not be a standing member.

By prospective (at least 4 months in advance) application to the Credentials Committee of the ABA, exceptions will be considered for:

- Aggregating research time normally allocated across the CB and CA years into one or more years, allowing a significant amount of time to be used for research as a block
- Leave of absence from the clinical program for research activities
- Additional months in research, especially if the research is prospectively integrated in the training program

*A resident **must** have a satisfactory Clinical Competence Committee report for 6 months of Clinical Anesthesia training immediately preceding any research period unless prospectively approved by the ABA Credentials Committee.*



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TEMPLATES FOR PROTECTED RESEARCH TIME

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Research Templates

1. 36 MONTHS

3 months in CA 1-2 years

6 months in CA-3 year

9 months, maximum total (25% of total time)

2. 48 MONTHS

2 months in CBY of anesthesiology-relevant research time

3 months in CA 1-2 years

6 months in CA-3 year

11 months, maximum total (23% of total time)

3. 60 MONTHS

2 months in CBY of anesthesiology-relevant research time

3 months in CA 1-2 years

6 months in CA-3 year

12 months in CA-4 year

23 months, maximum total (38% of total time)

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