

Restricted Registration

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There is an ongoing limited licensure/restricted registration (RR) as a pilot project. For Anesthesia residents this would allow residents on a “restricted license” to do a Critical Care Clinical Assistant/Associate in a supervised Intensive Care Unit.

There is concern about whether RR might lead residents into situations for which they are unprepared, such as might occur if they were allowed to practice anesthesia independently in a relatively unsupervised environment. There is also concern about conflicts with clinical work related to their residency program and excessive workload, possibly leading to a deterioration in academic performance or family relationships.

There are also some advantages to the work experience, both academic and financial. Working in the ICU should provide valuable experience and might be beneficial to the resident’s academic development. Easing the debt burden might improve stress levels and reduce strain on family relationships.

It was the Residency Training Committee’s decision, assuming the Committee has some control over their experience, that we could sanction anesthesia residents providing coverage in ICU as Critical Care Clinical Assistants/Associates (CCCA). The following restrictions would be operative:

- 1) Program reserves the option to limit the number of shifts per month under a restricted license. Will depend on nature of shifts and work intensity of rotation that resident is concurrently on within the training program.
- 2) The resident on the restricted license must have adequate backup and supervision. However policing this is not the role of the PGE committee or the program. All medical-legal responsibility lies with the resident and the supervisor at the proposed work site.
- 3) Anesthesia call schedules cannot be disrupted.
- 4) There must be at least a 12 hour gap between CCCA shifts and clinical work in the residency program. Conversely, CCCA shifts must not be booked sooner than 12 hours after the duty period in Anesthesia.
- 5) The Program Director, with the agreement of the Residency Training Committee, reserves the right to veto any resident from participating in

extracurricular shifts, if there are concerns about academic or personal issues. Residents will not be eligible for RR if they have received unsatisfactory or provisional evaluations on any rotation within the previous year. RR privileges will be withdrawn upon receipt of an unsatisfactory or provisional evaluation.

- 6) Academic projects must not suffer for the resident to qualify for privileges to engage in RR.
- 7) Attendance at academic activities, (academic day on Wednesday, journal club, rounds, etc.), must be maintained.
- 8) Residents will not be eligible to work in ICU until they have completed at least 2 months of adult ICU training (not including time in PGY-1).

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