

**Frequently Asked Questions: Molecular Genetic Pathology
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Review Committees for Medical Genetics and Genomics and Pathology
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Question	Answer
Program Personnel and Resources	
<p>Do program directors holding time-limited molecular genetic pathology certifications need to meet the requirements for recertification by the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics and/or the American Board of Pathology?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: II.A.2.b).(1)]</i></p>	<p>Yes. Program directors holding time-limited molecular genetic pathology certification must meet the requirements for recertification.</p> <p>By contrast, program directors with time-unlimited molecular genetic pathology certificates and those diplomates holding certification with no expiration date or maintenance of certification requirements only need to maintain certification that is active and in good standing, as the requirement for recertification is not applicable to these individuals.</p>
<p>What work counts towards the 10-hour-per-week minimum required of the program director?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: II.A.3.f)]</i></p>	<p>The following work counts toward the program director's minimum requirement of 10 hours per week that must be devoted to the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical work with fellows • Teaching • Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Molecular-related research • Fellowship-related administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recruitment process ○ Scheduling and oversight of rotations ○ Program Evaluation Committee (PEC) ○ Clinical Competency Committee (CCC)

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<p>What work counts towards the aggregated 20-hour-per-week minimum requirement for physician and non-physician faculty members and the program director?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: II.B.2.a)]</i></p>	<p>The following work counts toward the aggregated required minimum of 20 hours per week that physician and non-physician faculty members must devote to the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical work with fellows • Teaching • Fellowship-related administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recruitment process ○ Scheduling and oversight of rotations ○ Program Evaluation Committee (PEC) ○ Clinical Competency Committee (CCC) <p>Faculty members from participating sites may be included in the aggregated count.</p>
The Learning and Working Environment	
<p>Who may supervise fellows?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: VI.A.2.a).(1)]</i></p>	<p>Attending pathologists, medical geneticists, or molecular geneticists may supervise fellows in the diagnostic laboratory or clinical genetics setting. A pathology assistant (PA) may supervise grossing and/or autopsy for clinical geneticists enrolled in a molecular genetic pathology fellowship.</p>
<p>What does the Review Committee consider an optimal clinical workload for fellows?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: VI.E.1.]</i></p>	<p>The program director must make an assessment of the learning environment with input from faculty members and fellows. There must be an adequate clinical workload to develop competency in all areas specified in the Program Requirements. Optimal workload may vary from program to program, and will depend on the patient material, program resources, and testing/consultations/procedures done in the primary and participating sites. Clinical workload should include patient material for testing, as well as study sets and other case-based teaching tools.</p>