

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY RESIDENT ELECTIVES ROTATION POLICY

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Preamble

All postgraduate medical training programs established and accredited at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry can deliver all elements of the program locally (unless an Inter- Institutional Agreement (IIA) is in place).

A resident match with the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry means that London, Windsor, and the distributed education sites is where postgraduate training will take place. This policy is applicable to residents only and does not include clinical fellows, or Area of Focused Competence (AFC) trainees.

Definitions

Inter-Institution Agreement (IIA)

As per the *CanERA Standards of Accreditation for Residency Programs*, an IIA is a formal agreement used in circumstances where a faculty of medicine requires residents to complete a portion of their training under another recognized faculty of medicine, in alignment with policies and procedures for IIAs as set by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), and/or College des Médecins du Québec (CMQ).

Requirements

Mandatory Training Requirements:

All mandatory components of training are expected to be met in the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry program. Any mandatory rotations at locations outside of Schulich Medicine and Dentistry without an IIA must be approved in writing by the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME).

Elective Rotations:

Elective periods are permissible, provided the elective meets the accreditation standards and required training experiences set by the Royal College or the College of Family Physicians of Canada. All elective rotations must be approved by the Program Director.

A three-block elective rotation (consecutive or in total) away from the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry is permissible and managed at the program level.

Requests for elective periods of greater than three blocks outside of the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry and distributed sites (consecutive or in total) must be in writing by the resident to the Program Director. If the elective is acceptable to the Program Director, a written request must be made to the Associate Dean, PGME, a minimum of three months prior to the planned elective. Approval of the Associate Dean PGME is required prior to the start of the elective(s).

Exceptions to the minimum notification of three months to PGME will be considered.