

Guide to Construction of a Block Diagram for Anesthesiology Review Committee for Anesthesiology

Block diagrams are intended to provide the Review Committee with a clear visual understanding of the educational experiences provided to each resident during the transitional year program. Specificity is essential. The template that follows outlines the minimum information needed for the Review Committee's consideration.

Template – Block Diagram

Include Program Name and ACGME Program ID

Reference the [Program Requirements for Anesthesiology](#). Specific rotational requirements are found in Section IV. The block diagram should clearly demonstrate:

- PGY-1 (Four-Year Programs) – six months in family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, surgery or any of the surgical specialties, or any combination
 - One to two months of critical care medicine
 - One to two months of emergency medicine

- CA1-3 (PGY-2-4)
 - Rotations in surgical anesthesia, pain medicine, and critical care medicine distributed throughout the curriculum to show progressive responsibility
 - Two weeks of pre-operative medicine
 - Two weeks of post-anesthesia care
 - Total (including PGY-1) of four one-month rotations in critical care medicine
 - Two months each of:
 - Obstetric anesthesia
 - Pediatric anesthesia
 - Neuroanesthesia
 - Cardiothoracic anesthesia
 - Three months of pain medicine, CLEARLY noting:
 - One month of acute peri-operative pain management
 - One month of chronic pain
 - One month of regional anesthesia
 - Two weeks of anesthetic care outside of the surgical suite

PGY-1 (as applicable, for four-year anesthesiology programs)

All fundamental clinical skills rotations must be completed prior to residents beginning their CA3 year.

Block	1	2	3	Etc.
Site				
Rotation Name				
Fundamental Clinical Skills Rotation (Y/N)				
Elective or Required				
Weeks of Inpatient Care (Not including Critical Care)				
Hours of Ambulatory/Outpatient				
Vacation Permitted (Y/N)				

CA1-3 (PGY-2-4)

Block	1	2	3	Etc.
Site				
Rotation Name				
Elective or Required				
% Outpatient				
% Research				

Additional Information:

Electives (list all available)	
Maximum number of vacation days permitted for each year of education	
List all sites corresponding to the sites listed in the diagram above (site numbers should correspond with sites as listed in ADS)	1. 2. 3. Etc.
EXPLAIN ANY ABBREVIATIONS USED ABOVE	
If applicable, describe any innovative schedules used to meet requirements	

If a rotation is not at a participating site or is not in an ACGME-accredited categorical program, it should be indicated by an asterisk.

- Two common models of the rotation blocks exist: the first is organized by month; the second divides the year into 13 four-week blocks. Programs are not limited to these models.
- Include the **participating site** in which a rotation takes place, as well as the **name of the rotation**. If the name of the rotation does not clearly indicate the nature of the rotation, provide clarifying information as a footnote to the block diagram or elsewhere in the document.
- **Group rotations by site**. For example, list all the rotations in Site 1 first, followed by all of the rotations in Site 2, etc.
- When “elective” time is shown in the block diagram, the choice of elective rotations available for residents should be listed below the diagram under “Additional Information.” Elective rotations do not require a participating site.
- If a block is purely research, it should be labeled as such and should *not* be associated with a participating site.
- **CLEARLY indicate ANY abbreviations used within the block diagram under “Additional Information.”**

Create and upload a PDF of the program’s block diagram using the template above as a guide. Direct any questions about your block diagram to staff members of the Review Committee for Anesthesiology, contact information for whom can be found in the Transitional Year section of the ACGME website (accessed under the “Specialties” tab).