

POLICY

Department of Family Medicine Postgraduate Program

Resident Requests to Complete Core Specialty Clinical Learning Experiences Away from the Home Site

PGY1 Residents and residents at Integrated Sites cannot complete any core specialty Clinical Learning Experiences away from their home site.

PGY2/PGY3 residents are encouraged to complete all Core PGY2 clinical learning experiences at their home site. The Department of Family Medicine realizes that there are some circumstances when for personal or educational reasons, the resident might wish to complete a Core clinical learning experience at a Dalhousie Family Medicine Site other than their own. Core clinical learning experiences **must** be completed at one of the Dalhousie Family Medicine Sites.

PGY2/PGY3 requests for change in location of Core clinical learning experience will be considered under the following circumstances:

- The request is made to achieve an educational experience not available at the resident's home site, **or**
- The resident has extenuating circumstances (please see Extenuating Circumstance policy) or an exceptional personal reason for requesting a Clinical Learning Experience at an alternate site

In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The request is received in writing by the RTC Executive Committee a minimum of three months in advance of the clinical learning experience start date
- In order to ensure continuity of care with half day backs, no more than one Core block can be completed outside of the resident's home site
- The receiving site must have capacity to accept the resident
- Any expenses for travel to the requested site and for accommodations at the site are the responsibility of the resident.