

Guidelines for Program Mergers Review Committee for Radiology

There are two options for a planned merger between two accredited programs:

- (1) One program absorbs the other
- (2) The two residencies combine to form a “new” program

In Option 1, the program that will remain proposes to add rotations to the clinical site of the other program and demonstrates how all residents will participate in the program. The program being “absorbed” then requests Voluntary Withdrawal of accreditation pending a successful merger.

In Option 2, the merged program receives a new program number and is reviewed as a new application by the Review Committee; this is followed by the Voluntary Withdrawal of accreditation by both previous programs.

While most mergers are treated as the incorporation of the second program, the Review Committee reserves the right to decide whether the proposed change is so extensive that it constitutes a new application. Any such requests must be cosigned by the designated institutional official (DIO) of each program’s Sponsoring Institution.

If a merger is planned, first contact Review Committee Executive Director Felicia Davis, fdavis@acgme.org, to discuss the proposed changes. A written request must then be formally submitted, and must include:

- Details regarding the effects on the educational environment, faculty members, and curriculum
- A new block diagram reflecting any rotation changes
- Responses to any existing citations for either program
- Signatures of agreement from both program directors and both DIOs
- Planned effective date

NOTE: The Review Committee requires a full site visit within two years of the merger to assess the stability of the educational environment.

E-mail questions to Ms. Davis: fdavis@acgme.org.