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**Introduction**

**Duration and Scope of Education**

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| * + - 1. What is the length, in months, of the educational program?   Choose an item. |

**Institutions**

**Sponsoring Institutions**

1. Does the fellowship function as an integral part of an ACGME-I-accredited residency in internal medicine? YES NO

Explain if ‘NO.’ (Limit 250 words)

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**Faculty**

1. Do faculty members teach and supervise fellows in the performance and interpretation of procedures?

YES NO

1. Are procedures, including indications, complications, post-procedural diagnoses and supervisor(s), documented in each fellow’s record? YES NO

Explain if ‘NO.’ (Limit 250 words)

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**Resources**

1. Are facilities available for the intensive care of critically ill patients with gastrointestinal disorders?

YES NO

Explain if ‘NO.’ (Limit 250 words)

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If ‘YES,’ do these facilities have a working relationship with the following services?

1. Diagnostic radiology YES NO
2. General surgery YES NO
3. Oncology YES NO
4. Pathology YES NO
5. Pediatrics YES NO

Explain if ‘NO.’ (Limit 250 words)

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1. Are the following resources available?
2. Accessories with esophageal motility instrumentation YES NO
3. A laboratory for parasitology testing YES NO
4. A procedure laboratory completely equipped to provide modern capability in gastrointestinal procedures YES NO
5. Up-to-date diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic instruments YES NO

Explain if ‘NO.’ (Limit 250 words)

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1. Are the following support services available?
2. Anesthesiology YES NO
3. Diagnostic radiology YES NO
4. General surgery YES NO
5. Interventional radiology YES NO
6. Medical imaging and nuclear medicine YES NO
7. Oncology YES NO
8. Pathology YES NO

Explain if ‘NO.’ (Limit 250 words)

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**Fellow Appointment**

**Eligibility Criteria**

1. How does the program ensure that, prior to appointment, fellows have completed an ACGME-I-accredited internal medicine residency program or another internal medicine residency program acceptable to the Sponsoring Institution’s Graduate Medical Education Committee? (Limit 250 words)

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**Specialty-Specific Educational Program**

**ACGME-I Competencies**

**Professionalism**

1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate a commitment to fulfilling their professional responsibilities and adhering to ethical principles?

Describe how this is evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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**Patient Care and Procedural Skills**

1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate the ability to provide patient care that is compassionate, appropriate, and effective for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health?

Describe how this is evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate competence in the practice in health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis, care, and treatment of all genders, from adolescence to old age, during health and all stages of illness?

Describe how this is evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate competence in prevention, evaluation, and management of the following?
2. Acid peptic disorders of the gastrointestinal tract
3. Acute and chronic gallbladder and biliary tract diseases
4. Acute and chronic liver diseases
5. Acute and chronic pancreatic diseases
6. Care of patients under surgical care for gastrointestinal disorders
7. Diseases of the esophagus
8. Disorders of nutrient assimilation
9. Gastrointestinal and hepatic neoplastic disease
10. Gastrointestinal bleeding

Provide examples of how competence is assessed in five of the nine areas listed. (Limit 500 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate competence in prevention, evaluation, and management of the following?
2. Gastrointestinal diseases with an immune basis
3. Gastrointestinal emergencies in the acutely ill patient
4. Gastrointestinal infections, including retroviral, mycotic, and parasitic diseases
5. Genetic/inherited disorders
6. Geriatric gastroenterology
7. Inflammatory bowel diseases
8. Irritable bowel syndrome
9. Motor disorders of the gastrointestinal track
10. Vascular disorders of the gastrointestinal tract
11. Women’s health issues in digestive diseases

Provide examples of how competence is assessed in six of the 10 areas listed. (Limit 600 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate competence in the following procedures?
2. Biopsy of the mucosa of the esophagus, stomach, small bowel, and colon
3. Capsule endoscopy
4. Colonoscopy with polypectomy
5. Conscious sedation
6. Esophagogastroduodenoscopy
7. Both upper and lower non-variceal hemostasis, including actively bleeding patients
8. Other diagnostic and therapeutic procedures utilizing enteral intubation
9. Paracentesis
10. Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy
11. Variceal hemostasis, including in actively bleeding patients

Provide examples of how competence is assessed in six of the 10 areas listed. (Limit 600 words)

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**Medical Knowledge**

* + - 1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of established and evolving biomedical, clinical, epidemiological, and social-behavioral sciences, as well as the application of this knowledge to patient care?

Describe how knowledge is evaluated. (Limit 400 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of the scientific method of problem solving and evidence-based decision-making?

Describe how knowledge is evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of indications, contraindications, and techniques for, and limitations, complications, and interpretation of results of those diagnostic and therapeutic procedures integral to the discipline, including the appropriate indication for and use of screening tests/procedures?

Describe how knowledge is evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, pathology, and molecular biology related to the gastrointestinal system, including the liver, biliary tract, and pancreas?

Describe how knowledge is evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of the following?
2. Interpretation of abnormal liver chemistries
3. Liver transplantation
4. Nutrition
5. Prudent, cost-effective, and judicious use of special instruments, tests, and therapy in the diagnosis and management of gastroenterologic disorders
6. Sedative pharmacology
7. Surgical procedures employed in relation to digestive system disorders and their complications

Provide examples of how knowledge is assessed in four of the six areas listed. (Limit 400 words)

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**Interpersonal and Communication Skills**

1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in the effective exchange of information and collaboration with patients, their families, and other health professionals?

Describe how this is evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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**Systems-based Practice**

1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate an awareness of and responsiveness to the larger context and system of health care, as well as the ability to call effectively on other resources in the system to provide optimal health care?

Describe how this is evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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**Regularly Scheduled Educational Activities**

1. Complete Appendix A., Formal Didactic Sessions by Academic Year, and attach to submission.
2. Do fellows have formal didactic sessions addressing the following?
3. Appropriate indications for and use of screening tests and procedures YES NO
4. Complications associated with diagnostic and therapeutic procedures integral to the discipline

YES NO

1. Contraindications for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures integral to the discipline

YES NO

1. Indications for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures integral to the discipline YES NO
2. Interpretation of results of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures integral to the discipline

YES NO

1. Limitations of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures integral to the discipline YES NO
2. Techniques for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures integral to the discipline YES NO
3. The scientific method of problem solving and evidence-based decision-making YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Do fellows have formal didactic sessions on the gastrointestinal system, including the liver, biliary tract, and pancreas, that address the following?
2. Anatomy YES NO
3. Molecular biology YES NO
4. Pathology YES NO
5. Pharmacology YES NO
6. Physiology YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Do fellows have formal didactic sessions addressing the following?
2. Esophageal dilation YES NO
3. Interpretation of abnormal liver chemistries YES NO
4. Liver transplantation YES NO
5. Nutrition YES NO
6. Prudent, cost-effective, and judicious use of special instruments, tests, and therapy in the diagnosis and management of gastroenterologic disorders YES NO
7. Retrieval of foreign bodies from the esophagus and stomach YES NO
8. Sedative pharmacology YES NO
9. Surgical procedures employed in relation to digestive system disorders and their complications

YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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**Clinical Experiences**

* + - 1. How does the program ensure fellows have at least 18 months of clinical experience, of which the equivalent of five months is devoted to hepatology? (Limit 300 words)

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* + - 1. Do fellows have formal instruction and clinical experience in interpretation of the following diagnostic and therapeutic techniques and procedures?
         1. Endoscopic retrograde and cholangiopancreatography in all diagnostic and therapeutic applications

YES NO

1. Enteral and parenteral alimentation YES NO
2. Esophageal dilation YES NO
3. Interpretation of gastrointestinal and hepatic biopsies YES NO
4. Motility studies, including esophageal motility/pH studies YES NO
5. Retrieval of foreign bodies from the esophagus and stomach YES NO
6. 24-hour pH monitoring YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Do fellows have clinical experience in the interpretation of imaging of the digestive system, including the following?
   * + - 1. Computed tomography (CT) YES NO
         2. Contrast radiography YES NO
         3. CT entero/colography YES NO
         4. Endoscopic ultrasound YES NO
         5. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) YES NO
         6. Nuclear medicine YES NO
         7. Percutaneous cholangiography YES NO
         8. Ultrasound YES NO
         9. Vascular radiography YES NO
         10. Wireless capsule endoscopy YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Do fellows have a structured continuity ambulatory clinic experience that exposes them to the breadth and depth of gastroenterology? YES NO
2. Does this experience include an appropriate distribution of patients of all genders and a diversity of ages? YES NO
3. Do fellows have an average of one half-day per week in the ambulatory clinic throughout the educational program? YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses to Questions 4-6 above. (Limit 250 words)

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1. How does the program ensure that each fellow, on average, will be responsible for four to eight patients during each half-day ambulatory clinic session and, on average, no more than eight to 12 patients during each half-day ambulatory clinic session? (Limit 300 words).

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1. Is fellows’ continuing patient care experience interrupted by more than one month, excluding vacation?

YES NO

Explain if ‘NO.’ (Limit 250 words)

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**The Learning and Working Environment**

**Duty Hour and Work Limitations**

How does the program ensure that direct supervision of procedures performed by each fellow occurs until competence has been acquired and documented by the program director? (Limit 300 words)

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**Appendix A. Formal Didactic Sessions by Academic Year**

For each year of the fellowship, attach (Label: Appendix A.) a list of all scheduled didactic courses (including discussion groups, seminars and conferences, grand rounds, basic science, skills labs, and journal club) at all participating sites to which fellows rotate, using the format below. If attended by fellows from multiple years, list in each year but provide a full description *only the first time a site is listed*.

Number sessions **consecutively** from the first year through the final year so that the scheduled didactic sessions can be easily referenced throughout the application. **Be brief and use the outline that follows**.

Year in the Program:

Number: Title:

a) Type of Format (e.g., seminar, conference, discussion groups)

b) Required or elective

c) Brief description (three or four sentences)

d) Frequency, length of session, and total number of sessions

**Example:**

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| Y-1  01. Introduction to Gastroenterology  a) Seminar  b) Required Y-1  c) Survey of contemporary methods and styles of gastroenterology, including approaches to clinical work with minority populations  d) Weekly, for 8 sessions  02. Departmental Grand Rounds  a) Discussion groups  b) Required, Y-1, Y-2, Y-3; Elective Y-4  c) Clinical case presentations, sponsored by each departmental division, followed by discussion and review of contemporary state of knowledge; format includes fellow presentations and discussions with additional faculty discussant.  d) Twice monthly, 24 sessions |

If fellow attendance is monitored, explain how this is accomplished and how feedback is given regarding non-attendance. (Limit 250 words)

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