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Dear Drs. Perina and Jones:

The Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors (CORD) Board of Directors appreciates the opportunity to provide the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) with recommendations for revising the ABEM policy on credit for prior training. In response to the specific questions from ABEM, CORD recommends the following:

- The CORD board feels that it would be reasonable to allow program directors the discretion of granting a maximum of twelve months credit for physicians who complete at least 24 consecutive months of training in an ACGME-accredited residency program in another specialty.
- The maximum number of months of credit that could be granted for physicians who complete a full ACGME-accredited residency program in another core specialty should also be twelve months.
- The training from which equivalent credit is granted should be in a core specialty, but does not need to be otherwise restricted to specific specialties.
- Given the pace of advancement in clinical care and resident education, we believe that it is appropriate to maintain the requirement that the prior training should have been completed within the past 60 months.
- There is no requirement for a minimum number of EM rotations in the first year of EM training. EM rotations completed while a physician is a resident in another specialty may be appropriate for credit towards EM rotations in the EM residency program, at the discretion of the accepting program director after appropriate review. We do not think these EM rotations should be automatically disallowed from being credited as first year EM rotations.

We appreciated our ABEM-CORD officers' meeting where we were able to explain our rationale. Thank you again for your receptiveness to these suggestions from CORD.

Sincerely,

Philip Shayne, MD
CORD President

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