

**Frequently Asked Questions: Molecular Genetic Pathology
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Review Committees for Medical Genetics and Genomics and Pathology
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Question	Answer
Program Personnel and Resources	
<p>Do program directors holding time-limited molecular genetic pathology certifications need to meet the requirements for recertification by the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics and/or the American Board of Pathology?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: 2.4.c.]</i></p>	<p>Yes. Program directors holding time-limited molecular genetic pathology certification must meet the requirements for continuing certification.</p> <p>By contrast, program directors with time-unlimited molecular genetic pathology certificates and those diplomates holding certification with no expiration date or continuing certification requirements only need to maintain certification that is active and in good standing, as the requirement for continuing certification is not applicable to these individuals.</p>
The Learning and Working Environment	
<p>Who may supervise fellows?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: 6.5.]</i></p>	<p>Attending pathologists, medical geneticists, or molecular geneticists may supervise fellows in the diagnostic laboratory or clinical genetics setting. A pathology assistant may supervise grossing and/or autopsy for clinical geneticists enrolled in a molecular genetic pathology fellowship.</p>
<p>What does the Review Committee consider an optimal clinical workload for fellows?</p> <p><i>[Program Requirement: 6.17.]</i></p>	<p>The program director must make an assessment of the learning environment with input from faculty members and fellows. There must be an adequate clinical workload to develop competence in all areas specified in the Program Requirements. Optimal workload may vary from program to program, and will depend on the patient material, program resources, and testing/consultations/procedures done in the primary and participating sites. Clinical workload should include patient material for testing, while additional educational materials should include study sets and other case-based teaching tools.</p>