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TITLE: Establishing PGY Levels for Your New Applicants	EFFECTIVE: October 26, 2022
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Fellowship PG Level

NCH establishes PGY levels for new fellows based on the successful completion of all prerequisite training required for entry into your fellowship program. For those programs with formal accrediting bodies, please refer to your program requirements as to what is considered prerequisite training.

NCH does not recognize additional training beyond the prerequisite training requirements when establishing the PG level for entry into your program. A chief year does not change the starting PG level for entry into your program.

To illustrate, you have an internal medicine (IM) resident who successfully completed the 3-year IM program and who now will be joining a Cardiovascular Disease fellowship, also a three year program. They would start the Cardiovascular Disease fellowship program as a PGY-4 fellow, and complete the program at the end of their PGY-6 fellowship training year. If that same fellow wants to complete a Geriatric Medicine fellowship after the Cardiovascular Disease fellowship, they would return to a PGY-4 fellow to begin Geriatric Medicine. This is because the prerequisite training does not include the need for Cardiovascular Disease training. Geriatric Medicine only requires completion of 3 years of Internal Medicine.

Residents PG Level

Most residents join their program out of medical school and at a PGY-1 level. However, there are some programs that require a preliminary training year to join certain residency programs (e.g., Dermatology, Radiology, Anesthesiology). For those programs that require a preliminary training year, they would be joining the specialty at a PGY-2 level after successful completion of their PGY-1 preliminary training year.

*Please contact the GME office if you have questions concerning this **before making the offer** to an applicant to assure consistency with the process.*