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To ACVIM Program Directors and Resident Advisors and candidates-

While the Board of Regents decided earlier last year not to approve any further COVID-related variances for the 2021-2022 year, and instead incorporated those they deemed applicable into the Certification Manual (CM), the global circumstances remained fluid, and the emergence and spread of the current variants continued to prove problematic.

With this in mind, the BOR have re-evaluated their previous stance, and have approved a second variance in favor of the current cohort of ACVIM candidates, allowing additional flexibility to credentialing over the coming months.

This approved variance applies to **Sections 5.B.13.a, 6.P.1, 7.J.1 and 9.I (Procedures for Submitting Credentials)** of the ACVIM's current CMs (2020-2021 and 2021-2022 editions), where it is currently stated; "(Cardiology) Candidates may submit a complete credentials packet and the credentials fee online to the ACVIM office to the attention of the CCC Chair following completion of 27 months of the residency"; "(LAIM) Candidates may submit the completed credentials packet and credentials fee online to the ACVIM office following completion of 20 months of the residency"; "(Neurology) Candidates may submit complete credentials packets and the credentials fee online to the ACVIM office following completion of a two-year residency, after 22 months of a three-year residency, or after the equivalent time in any other approved residency provided these candidates are in the final year of that program", and; "(SAIM) Candidates may submit the completed credentials packet and the credentialing fee online to the ACVIM office following completion of 22 months of the three-year residency".

This variance will not impact Oncology residents as the current CM already provides adequate flexibility, stating in Section 8.F. of the CM, "(Oncology) Residents may submit credentials in the final twelve (12) months of their program".

Wording of the variance is as follows; "Flexibility will be provided to current ACVIM candidates in the time in clinical training required prior to submitting and having credentials approved.

Cardiology residents will be required to have completed 25 months of residency training prior to submission of their credentials packet and associated fees, not 27 months as currently stated in Section 5.B.13.a of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 CMs.

LAIM residents will be required to have completed 18 months of residency training prior to submission of their credentials packet and associated fees, not 20 months as currently stated in Section 6.P.1 of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 CMs.

Neurology and Small Animal Internal Medicine (SAIM) residents will be required to have completed 20 months of residency training prior to submission of their credentials packet and associated fees, not 22 months as currently stated in Sections 7.J.1 and 9.I of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 CMs.

This variance will not impact Oncology residents as the current CM already provides adequate flexibility, stating in Section 8.F. of the CM, "(Oncology) Residents may submit credentials in the final twelve (12) months of their program".

The variance has not been applied to the corresponding sections in the approved 2022-2023 CM.

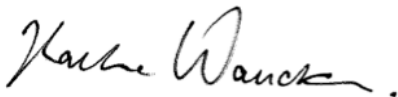
All Cardiology, LAIM, Neurology, Oncology and SAIM specialty Residency Training Program (RTP) requirements must still be fulfilled by a resident for completion of their RTP and to be considered for ACVIM Diplomate status.

A request for approval of this variance must be submitted to the relevant CC by the PD via the ACVIM office, and a copy of the approval of the variance must be included with the candidate's final credentials packet.

This variance will be applicable through June 30, 2024, i.e., to candidates for which the relevant Certification Manuals (2020-2021 and 2021-2022 editions) apply.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,



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