



RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM REGISTRATION
2018-2019
CARDIOLOGY

Part One

New applications for ACVIM Residency Training Programs must be received by the Residency Training Committee 90 days prior to any residents beginning training. Before completing this form, please review the general and specific requirements for Cardiology Residency Training Programs in the ACVIM Certification Manual (CM). The most current version of the CM is available on the ACVIM website at www.ACVIM.org. If there is a discrepancy between this form and the CM, the CM will be considered correct, however, please contact the ACVIM office or the Residency Training Committee Chairperson for clarification.

Prior to making significant changes in a residency training program, approval of the ACVIM and Cardiology Residency Training Committee must be obtained. The Candidate and/or Program Director must notify ACVIM, in writing. Significant changes could include, but are not limited to: changes in Program Director or advisors, transferring from one program to another, alterations in program duration, locations of secondary site training, switching to a 'dual board' program, or enrolling in an institutional graduate program.

Notice: This form contains questions for three separate purposes; data collection that ACVIM must maintain for its accreditation as a specialty college; data collection for each specialty to evaluate what is appropriate for residency programs; and data collection to evaluate this Residency Training Program for renewal. It is important that all questions be answered accurately and completely, even if the answer to a specific question is not essential for a program's renewal.

For multi-site residency programs: To ensure uniformity of training and compliance with current CM requirements, training programs which include multiple sites must provide detailed information as to which Diplomates in the specialty of Cardiology, as well as other Specialties, will be supervising the resident(s) at each site. In this program registration form, the Program Director must provide specific, detailed information regarding supervision and facilities available at each specific site(s).

The following forms must be completed and submitted annually: Part One is an online form and addresses general features of the program. Part Two addresses aspects of training that apply to all current residents. Part Three addresses aspects of training that may differ amongst residents enrolled in a single program. Part Three must be completed and submitted for EACH resident enrolled in the program.

Program Director Name: Dr. Alan W. Spier
(Must be a Diplomate of ACVIM in the Specialty of Cardiology or an approved ECVIM Diplomate in Cardiology)

Program Director's Contact Information:

Table with 2 columns: Contact Type and Information. Rows include Work Phone, E-mail, Mailing Address, and Address.

1. Location of Sponsoring Institution (Residency Training Program):

Primary Site: Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners

Multi-site programs, if any, are listed in Part Two. Blue Peral University

2. Resident Advisor(s): Must be a Diplomate of ACVIM in the Specialty of Cardiology or an approved ECVIM Diplomate in Cardiology. There is no restriction on the number of Resident Advisors; however, **each Resident Advisor can supervise only two residents concurrently.**

Alan Spier Anthony Ishak

3. Supervising Diplomate(s) on-site: (Must be a Diplomate of ACVIM in the Specialty of Cardiology or an approved ECVIM Diplomate in Cardiology).

Alan Spier - Cardiology Anthony Ishak - Cardiology & SAIM
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4. Please list all **Diplomates** of ACVIM responsible for supervision of clinical training who are specialists in areas other than Cardiology. If off-site, please explain the situation, and the method of providing direct contact with the resident.

Name and Specialty
Erick Mears - SAIM Melanie Otte - SAIM Yoshio Kimura - Neurology

5. Please list the residents currently participating in your training program, along with the beginning date of the program, expected ending date of the program, and designated resident advisor. All current residents and incoming residents (if known) should be listed here. Unless specifically approved, in advance, by the CRTC, the ratio of cardiology residents to on-site Cardiology Diplomates who are actively involved in resident training cannot exceed 2 to 1.

Resident Name, Dates of Program, (Resident Advisor) *
Merrick Fultz 7.15.16 - 7.14.19 (Alan Spier) Slone Everett July 2018 - July 2021 (Alan Spier)

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Part Two

Part Two of the Cardiology Residency Training Program addresses general features that apply to all current residents. (Part Three must be completed and submitted for each resident.)

Current Date: Feb 19, 2018

Program Director Name: Alan Spier

(Must be a Diplomate of ACVIM in the Specialty of Cardiology or an approved ECVIM Diplomate in Cardiology)

Name of Sponsoring Institution (Residency Training Program): BluePearl Veterinary Partners--Florida

1. Please list all **Diplomates** of the American College of Veterinary Pathology in the areas of clinical pathology or gross/histopathology associated with residency training. If off-site, please explain the situation, and the method of providing direct contact with the resident.

Name of Diplomate(s)	Clinical or Gross	Comments
Julia Blue	Clinical	Works for Antech Diagnostics on-site
Heather Wamsley	Clinical	Works for Antech Diagnostics on-site

2. Please list all **Diplomates** of the American College of Veterinary Radiology associated with residency training. If off-site, please explain the situation, and the arrangements for direct contact with the resident.

Name of Diplomate(s)	Comments
Wendy Gwin	ACVR

3. Please list the **Diplomates** available for consultation in the areas of dermatology, surgery, ophthalmology, anesthesiology, emergency/critical care, clinical nutrition, clinical pharmacology, and/or theriogenology. If off-site, please explain the situation and the arrangements provided for contact with the resident.

Name of Diplomate(s)	Specialty	Comments
John Gicking	Critical Care	
Miryam Reems	Critical Care	
Michael Reems	Surgery	
Helga Bleyaert	Surgery	
Tammy Miller	Ophthalmology	
Jennifer Welser	Ophthalmology	
Natasha Stanke	Surgery	
Noel Radwanski	Dermatology	

4. **Didactic Learning Opportunities and Research Requirements:** In recognition of the importance of scientific discovery as a critical mission of the ACVIM, all Residency Training Programs shall include an assessment period or instruction and/or participation in creative scholarship which will foster an appreciation of, competency in, and contribution to the knowledge base of their respective specialty and which will support their development as clinician scientists. This requirement is fulfilled through satisfactory completion of A and one of B [See CM 5.E and 5.F]:

- A. Journal Club: Routine and regular participation in a critical review of the literature, a minimum of eighty (80) hours during the program. Describe how this requirement is met or exceeded.

The following rounds are available to supplement cardiology residency training:
 M&M rounds—2/month (2th/4th Thursday)
 Grand rounds—2/month (1st/3rd Thursday)
 Internal Medicine rounds—1/month (1st Wed)
 Critical Care rounds--4/month (every Tuesday)

B. Cardiology-focused Educational Experiences: Please provide a description of how the required one hundred fifty (150) hours will be met or exceeded. [See CM 5.E.2]

Cardiology rounds will be held for 1-2 hours per week, to include a combination of topic rounds and journal club. Time is typically set aside from clinical appointments on Wednesdays from 8-10AM and/or Fridays from 9-10AM

C. Successful completion of any one of the options listed below. Describe how this will be fulfilled or exceeded in the individual trainee’s specific application.

1. Successful completion of at least two (2) of the following three (3) short courses/workshops offered by ACVIM either on-line or at the Forum:
 - A. Critical evaluation of veterinary medical/biomedical literature
 - B. Grant Writing
 - C. Study, design and participation in clinical trials
2. Documented submission of a grant proposal (by advisor letter)
3. Acceptance and presentation at a scientific meeting of an abstract (oral or poster) of original work
4. Documented completion (by advisor letter) of a prospective or retrospective research program pertinent to the candidate’s specialty
5. Documented completion (by advisor letter) of graduate course work in biostatistics, research methods, and/or research ethics.

Option 1 will be chosen; the specific choices among A,B, and C will be up to the discretion of the candidate

Note: Letters of documentation by advisors will need to accompany the final submission of the Resident Logs to the Residency Training Committee in order to qualify for a resident certificate.

5. Please indicate the availability of the following facilities or equipment. Indicate if these are available on-site at the primary training site, or at a different location. (In the Location column, indicate on-site for primary location or the name of the facility where the equipment is located if off-site.) For facilities that are not on-site, please describe the situation and availability in the space at the end of this section. See CM 5.D for details.

	Available?		Location of equipment? (On-site or list site name)
	Yes	No	
a) Standard radiological equipment [must be on-site]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b) Ultrasonographic equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c) Echocardiography equipment [must be on-site]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
d) Cardiac catheterization capability [must be on-site]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
e) Endoscopy equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
GI equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bronchoscopy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cystoscopy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rhinoscopy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Laparoscopy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
f) Clinical Pathology capabilities: (includes CBC, serum chemistries, blood gases, urinalysis, cytology, parasitology, microbiology, endocrinology, anatomic and histopathology)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
g) Serum osmolality measurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
h) Colloid oncotic pressure measurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

i) Electrocardiography [must be on-site]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
j) Blood Pressure Measurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
k) Electroencephalography	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
l) Electromyography	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
m) Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response Equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
n) Nuclear Medicine [access is desirable]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
o) Computed Tomography	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
p) Magnetic Resonance Imaging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Off site at local hospital
q) Radiation Therapy Facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
r) Veterinary Library w/Literature Searching Capabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Via BluePearl University
s) Computerized Medical Records w/Searching Capabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
t) Medical Library w/Literature Searching Capabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Via BluePearl University
u) Intensive Care Facility – 24 hours	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
v) Urethral pressure profile & cystometrography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can refer to UF if needed
w) Hemodialysis capability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can refer to UF if needed
x) Total parenteral nutrition capability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

If any of the above equipment or facilities are available off-site, please explain how the resident can access them for case management, research, or study.

All residents have access to searching the BluePearl University Library for research purposes. MRIs are routinely performed at a local hospital. Nuclear medicine, hemodialysis, and urethral pressure profiling can be referred if necessary to the University of Florida.

6. Total Cardiology caseload per year:	1000
Number of cardiac catheterizations per year:	5-10
Number of echocardiographic examinations per year:	800

7. Please list the residents who have completed the cardiology training programs at your site within the last five years, including the year that each individual's training program started and ended. If at all possible, please indicate whether the individual has completed the board certification process.

Name(s)	Program Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Program End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Diplomate Status (Yes or No)
Nicole Piscitelli	June 2008	January 2012	Yes
Anthony Ishak	Sep 2011	Sept 2014	Yes

8. Please list the residents currently participating in your training program, along with the beginning date of the program, expected ending date of the program, and designated resident advisor. All current residents and incoming residents (if known) should be listed here. Part Three of this form must be completed for each resident listed here. Unless specifically approved, in advance, by the CRTIC, the ratio of cardiology residents to on-site Cardiology Diplomates who are actively involved in resident training cannot exceed 2 to 1.

Resident Name(s) (first/last)	Program Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Program End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Resident Advisor Name(s) (first/last)
Merrick Fultz	July 2016	July 2019	Alan Spier
Sloane Everett	July 2018	July 2021	Alan Spier

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As Program Director, I verify that I have read the Certification Manual and that the above information is an accurate reflection of this Residency Training Program.



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Part Three

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Current Date: Feb 19, 2018

Program Director Name: Alan Spier

Name of Sponsoring Institution (Residency Training Program): BluePearl Veterinary Partners--Florida

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The following questions will be used to provide the Residency Training Committee with information needed to judge the structure, quality, scope, and consistency of training provided.

NOTE: Direct supervision is required during clinical training, with the time required specified by each particular specialty. Direct supervision is defined as follows: The Supervising Diplomate and resident are participating in a clinical practice in which both the Diplomate and the resident are on duty and interactively and concurrently managing cases. The Diplomate need not personally examine each patient seen by the resident, but must remain physically available for consultation. Please use this definition when responding to the following questions regarding clinical rotations.

- 1. Please provide the name of the cardiology resident for whom this application applies (leave blank at time of submission for program approval if name is not known). Information contained in Part Three is applicable to one resident. If more than one resident is involved in the RTP, please complete one separate Part Three for each resident.

Table with 4 columns: Resident Name (first/last), Program Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy), Program End Date (mm/dd/yyyy), ACVIM Cardiology Resident Advisor (first/last). Row 1: Sloane Everett, July 2018, July 2021, Alan Spier

- 2. Is the duration of your program thirty six (36) months?

Yes No
[X] []

If no, explain why the program is longer than thirty six (36) months:

[Empty text box]

- 3. Advanced Degree:

Table with 4 columns: Degree, Yes, No, Required. Row 1: Masters: [] [X] [] [] Row 2: PhD: [] [X] [] []

What is the approximate time (months) dedicated to graduate work?

None required

Please provide a description of the graduate degree program if offered, including the didactic program (course work) and inter-relationship with the residency program. Be sure to make clear how the residency requirements will be met:

none required

4. Will the resident fulfil the didactic learning opportunities and research requirements as stated in the Part 2 form, section 4?

Yes	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no, explain how the resident will fulfil the requirements:

5. Is training provided at a secondary site to fulfill a portion (not to exceed four (4) months) of the twenty four (24) months of required active (direct) supervision or to fulfill invasive procedural requirements? If Yes, please complete the remainder of this section. [See CM 5.G]

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If yes, describe in detail:

Please list the Secondary Site and responsible Advisor at that site (list all, if more than one):

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6. Additional secondary site experiences that do not fulfill a portion of the required twenty four (24) months of active (direct) supervision or the required five hundred (500) echocardiograms, two hundred thirty (230) hours of structured educational experiences or fifteen (15) invasive procedures are supplemental (optional) experiences and do not require documentation from supervising Diplomates.

Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommended	<input type="checkbox"/>

Briefly describe any secondary site supplemental outside experiences:

None expected

7. Please provide a description of how the required twenty four (24) months of active (direct) supervision will be met or exceeded as well as additional (indirect) supervision to complete the thirty six (36) month training period. [See CM 5.B and 5.C.1 for definitions related to training programs including active (direct) supervision.]

Definitions from 5.B:

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cardiology service, and include time spent in concurrent management of the cardiology caseload. We do not anticipate a significant amount of indirect supervision during the residency; indirect supervision may include time spent during evening and weekend coverage of cardiology emergencies.

8. Please provide an outline of a typical weekly schedule

The cardiology service operates a receiving schedule Monday through Friday in the Tampa location, with after hours and weekend coverage for emergencies. As a general rule, a typical schedule is as follows:

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Name of Residency Training Program:

BluePearl Veterinary Partners--Florida (BPVPFL)

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