



**RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM REGISTRATION
2019-2020
SMALL ANIMAL INTERNAL MEDICINE**

Part One

New applications for ACVIM Residency Training Programs must be received by the Residency Training Committee (RTC) 90 days prior to any residents beginning training. Before completing this form, please review the general and specific requirements for Small Animal Internal Medicine (SAIM) Residency Training Programs in the ACVIM Certification Manual (CM). The current version of the CM is available on the ACVIM website at www.ACVIM.org.

Prior to making significant changes in a Residency Training Program, approval of the ACVIM and SAIM RTC 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 any 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: The data collected in this form is necessary both for the ACVIM to maintain its accreditation as a Registered Veterinary Specialty Organization and also is required for renewal of the residency training program. Some of the data collected is required of every specialty and some is specific to the specialty of Small Animal Internal Medicine.

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 regarding supervision and facilities available at each specific site(s). Multi-site programs, if any, are listed in Part Two.

Program Director Name:

[Dr. John M. Thomason](#)

The Program Director must be an active Diplomate of ACVIM in the Specialty of Small Animal Internal Medicine boarded for at least 4 years with 3 years experience training residents

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

Primary Site Location:

Length of Training Program:

[Mississippi State University](#)

[3 year](#)

2. Resident Advisor(s): Must be Diplomate(s) of ACVIM in the Specialty of Small Animal Internal Medicine and boarded for at least 2 years with 1 year experience training residents. **Each Resident Advisor may supervise no more than 2 residents at a time.**

Todd Archer
 Andrew Mackin
 Alyssa Sullivant
 John Thomason

3. Supervising Diplomates on-site: Two on-site Diplomates boarded in Small Animal Internal Medicine are required - **2 ACVIM, or 1 ACVIM & 1 ECVIM**. The supervising diplomates must be active in the practice of the specialty and must maintain clinical competency in the field.

Todd Archer - SAIM
 Patty Lathan - SAIM
 Andrew Mackin - SAIM
 Alyssa Sullivant - SAIM
 John Thomason - SAIM

4. List all ACVIM Diplomates onsite responsible for supervision of clinical training who specialize in areas other than SAIM. If off-site, please explain the situation, and the method of providing direct contact with the resident.

Name and Specialty	Comments
Andy Shores - Neurology Michaela Beasley - Neurology Taya Marquardt - Oncology	

5. List 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.

Resident Name	Start date (mm/dd/yyyy)	End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Resident Advisor Name*
Katie Cooley-Lock	7/15/16	7/15/19	Todd Archer
Harry Cridge	7/15/17	7/15/20	John Thomason
Ashley Coll	7/15/18	7/15/21	Andrew Mackin
Pamela Galati	7/15/18	7/15/21	Alyssa Sullivant



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Part Two

Part Two of the Small Animal Internal Medicine Residency Training process addresses general features of the program that apply to all current residents. These questions will be used to provide the Residency Training Committee with information needed to judge the structure, quality, scope, and consistency of training provided.

The SAIM Residency Training Committee may require supporting evidence for any statements made below. Per the Certification Manual (CM) section 9.C.2, at the time of annual program renewal, Program Directors may be asked to verify resident activities, including satisfactory clinical training, interaction with consultants, documentation of training in radiology and clinical pathology, documentation of off-site training, and documentation of study and education participation.

Current Date:

Program Director Name:

Must be an active Diplomate of ACVIM in the Specialty of Small Animal Internal Medicine boarded for at least 4 years with 3 years of experience training residents

Name of Sponsoring Institution (Residency Training Program):

1. For multi-site residency programs: To ensure uniformity of training and compliance with current CM requirements, training programs that include multiple sites must provide detailed information regarding supervision and facilities available at each specific site(s). All requirements for both direct and indirect supervision must be met, as well as requirements for rounds and conferences. Refer to Section 9.C.1.e of the CM for definitions of secondary site and off-site experiences.

a) Secondary Site for multi-site program (if applicable):

Please attach specific information regarding the number of weeks scheduled at each site and which rotation requirements shall be met at each site.

b) Outside Rotations/Other Sites for specialty training (if applicable):

All rotations performed at a location other than that of the resident's program must be documented with a signed Residency Training Agreement Form from the specialist(s) providing the outside rotation. Residency Training Agreement Forms from the specialist(s) must also be included with the program renewal form. Please attach signed Residency Training Agreement Forms from all individuals providing off-site training of SAIM residents to this registration form. Residency Training Agreement Forms must be submitted annually with program renewal forms and with each new program request. This program application is not complete without Residency Training Agreement Forms for all outside rotations. If off-site rotations are added after program renewal, please submit necessary residency training agreement forms a minimum of 30 days before the resident departs for that off-site training.

2. Length of Training Program/Advanced degree:

a) Length in Years:

	Yes	No	Optional
b) Advanced Degree: Masters:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PhD:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Please list all of the Diplomates of Veterinary Pathology in the areas of clinical or anatomic pathology approved by the American Board of Veterinary Specialties or European Board of Veterinary Specialties associated with residency training. If off-site, please attach signed Residency Training Agreement Forms from all individuals providing off-site training.

Name of Diplomate(s)	Clinical or Gross	Board Certification (e.g. ACVP, ECVCP)	Comments
Matthew Williams	Clinical	ACVP	On-Site
William Maslin	Gross	ACVP	On-Site
Tim Morgan	Gross	ACVP	On-Site
Wes Baumgartner	Gross	ACVP	On-Site
Alicia Olivier	Gross	ACVP	On-Site
Brittany Baughman	Gross	ACVP	On-Site

4. Please list all Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Radiology or approved American Board of Veterinary Specialties radiology board associated with residency training. If off-site please attach signed Residency Training Agreement Forms from all individuals providing off-site training.

Name of Diplomate(s)	Include Board certification (e.g. ACVR, ECVDI)	Comments
Erin Brinkman	ACVR	On-Site
Alison Lee	ACVR	On-Site

5. 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 attach signed Residency Training Agreement Forms from all individuals providing off-site training.

Name of Diplomate(s)	Specialty	Board Certification	Comments
Ron McLaughlin	Surgery	ACVS	On-Site
Jason Syrcle	Surgery	ACVS	On-Site
Ryan Butler	Surgery	ACVS	On-Site
Betsy Swanson	Surgery	ACVS	On-Site
Robert Meyers	Anesthesiology	ACVAA	On-Site
Claudio Natalini	Anesthesiology	ACVAA	On-Site
Vernon Langston	Clin Pharmacology	ACVCP	On-Site
Richard Hopper	Theriogenology	ACT	On-Site
Jack Smith	Theriogenology	ACT	On-Site
Heath King	Theriogenology	ACT	On-Site
Kevin Walters	Theriogenology	ACT	On-Site
Juli Gunter	Dermatology	ACVD	On-Site
Caroline Betbeze	Ophthalmology	ACVO	On-Site

6. Does your training program consist of a minimum of 36 months?

Yes No

Comments:

7. Does each resident in your program spend a minimum of 68 weeks on clinical rotations under the direct supervision of at least 2 ACVIM SAIM Diplomates (or at least 1 ACVIM SAIM Diplomate and at least 1 ECVIM Companion Animal Diplomate)?

Yes No

Supervising Diplomate Name(s)	Specialty	Board Certification (e.g. ACVIM, ECVIM)	Comments
Andrew Mackin	SAIM	ACVIM	On-Site
Patty Lathan	SAIM	ACVIM	On-Site
Todd Archer	SAIM	ACVIM	On-Site

Alyssa Sullivant John Thomason	SAIM SAIM	ACVIM ACVIM	On-Site On-Site
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8. Does each resident in your program spend an additional 16 weeks of clinical training under the **direct supervision** of one or more supervising Diplomate(s) in other specialties such as cardiology, oncology, neurology, critical care, or ophthalmology? These Diplomates may be certified by the ACVIM or ECVIM, or by the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) approved specialties or approved European Board of Veterinary Specialization recognized certification entities. A maximum of two secondary training site rotations is allowable for meeting clinical training in other specialties. These formal rotations on a specialty service must be completed in defined training periods of at least two continuous weeks each and the resident must have primary case responsibility. Additional SAIM weeks cannot be used to satisfy this requirement [See CM 9.F.2].

Yes No

Supervising Diplomate Name(s)	Specialty	Board Certification (e.g. ACVIM, ECVIM)	Comments
Taya Marquardt	Oncology	ACVIM	On-Site
Andy Shores	Neurology	ACVIM	On-Site
Michaela Beasley	Neurology	ACVIM	On-Site
Ashley Saunders	Cardiology	ACVIM	Off-Site - Please see Training Form
Sonya Wesselowski	Cardiology	ACVIM	Off-Site - Please see Training Form
Sonya Gordon	Cardiology	ACVIM	Off-Site - Please see Training Form

9. Does each resident in your training program spend an additional 36 weeks in training, not necessarily under direct supervision, in either internal medicine or related areas, or in writing, studying, teaching, or obtaining experience with a radiologist, clinical pathologist, or other specialist? (Note that vacation time and time to attend professional meetings is included in this period.)

Yes No

Describe:

10. Does each resident in your training program spend a minimum of 8 hours per month in training with at least two other board-certified specialists (not ACVIM)? These may be specialists in dermatology, theriogenology, surgery, anesthesiology, ophthalmology, emergency/critical care, or clinical pharmacology. The training must be direct consultation, not telephone or E-mail consultation.

Yes No

Describe:

11. Does each resident in your training program have a minimum of **80 hours** of direct contact with a board-certified veterinary radiologist? **Forty hours** comprised of interpreting radiographs, learning and evaluating the results of special imaging techniques, and attending radiology rounds or conferences?

Yes No

And an additional minimum of **40 hours** spent training in ultrasonography under the supervision of a board-certified veterinary radiologist. This training should emphasize abdominal ultrasonography and must include hands-on performance of abdominal ultrasonography, observation of ultrasound procedures on the resident's own patients, and theoretical training in the principals and application of ultrasonography.

Yes No

12. Does each resident in your training program attend weekly conferences?

Yes No

Describe:

Clinicopathological Conferences - weekly, Friday 8-9 AM
 Gross Pathology Rounds - weekly, Friday 1-2 pm
 Graduate Seminar Course - weekly, Tuesday 12-1 pm
 Radiology Resident Rounds - every other week, Wednesday, 8-9 am
 Medicine/Pathology Rounds - once a month, second Monday of the month, 9-10

13. Does each resident have **40 hours** of review sessions per year?

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

Describe:

All residents participate in a 1 hour per week (Wednesday 9-10 AM) Internal Medicine Board Review Course (aka Resident Class). This course is held all year, except June and July. The residents are provided a couple of months of "boards recovery time". This course includes discussion of topics relevant to Small Animal Internal Medicine and includes mock exam questions.

14. Does each resident in your training program have a minimum of **40 hours** direct contact with a board certified veterinary clinical or anatomic pathologist evaluating clinical pathologic findings, reviewing cytologies and biopsies, and attending clinical pathologic conferences or seminars?

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

Describe:

During the second year of the program, each resident will spend 1 week (40 hours) with direct contact with a board certified veterinary clinical pathologist evaluating slides. Additionally, over the course of the entire residency, residents will have frequent case discussion with a boarded clinical pathologist.

15. Patient Management:

a) Does each resident in your program participate in patient management, including patient receiving, diagnostics, case management and decision making, client communication, case follow-up, and communication with referral veterinarians?

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

b) Is case management directly supervised and reviewed by a Diplomate of the ACVIM?

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

16. Is a complete medical record using the problem oriented veterinary medical record system maintained for each individual patient? (Medical records must be retrievable.)

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

17. Clinical Rounds:

a) Does the resident participate in clinical rounds on a daily basis while on clinical rotations?

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

b) Is a supervising Diplomate available for the majority of the daily rounds reported in question 17?

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

c) If a supervising Diplomate is not available for the majority of rounds, describe how rounds are attended and supervised.

Describe:

N/A

18. Please indicate the availability of the following facilities or equipment to be used in resident training. Indicate if these are available 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, availability, and how the facilities or equipment are used for resident training in the space at the end of this section.

	Available?		Location of equipment?
	Yes	No	(On-site or list site name)
Standard radiological equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site
Ultrasonographic equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site
Color flow/Doppler equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site
Endoscopy equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site
Clinical Pathology capabilities: (includes CBC, serum chemistries, blood gases, urinalysis, cytology, parasitology, microbiology, and endocrinology)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site
Blood Pressure Measurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site
Electromyography	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site
Nuclear Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Computed Tomography	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site
Computerized Medical Records w/Searching Capabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site
Veterinary Library w/Literature Searching Capabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site
Intensive Care Facility – 24 hours	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Site

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

N/A

19. Clinical caseload information (this information should reflect the caseload of the prior 12 months)

Total SAIM caseload per year:	2,893
Number of endoscopic examinations (respiratory, GI) per year:	131
Number of endoscopic examinations (urinary) per year:	10

20. 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 9.F.4]:

a) Journal Club: Critical review of literature, minimum of eighty (80) hours during the program. Describe how this requirement is met or exceeded.

Internal Medicine Journal Club meets once weekly on Friday (for 1 hour) for approximately 45 weeks/year. Journal Club is attended by faculty members (SAIM Diplomates), residents, and interns.

Although not part of the official Journal Club - Every week, residents are given 5 current journal articles to read, and have a 5 question multiple choice examination on these papers the following week.

b) At least 12 weeks over the three-year residency must be allocated for research and scholarly activity ideally in the pursuit of a publication. Successful completion of any one of the options listed below will satisfy the requirements for research by SAIM residents. Describe how this will be fulfilled or exceeded in the individual trainee's specific application.

1. Successful completion of at least six hours of seminars or classes offered at the ACVIM Forum, as on-line courses, or at other facilities and recognized by the ACVIM and covering the following subjects: Critical evaluation of the veterinary medical/biomedical literature, Grant-writing or Study design, and participation in clinical trials
2. Documented (by a letter from the RA) submission of a grant proposal
3. Acceptance and presentation at a scientific meeting of an abstract (either oral or poster) of original work

4. Documented completion (by a letter from the RA) of a prospective research project pertinent to SAIM
5. Documented completion (by a letter from the RA) of a retrospective research project pertinent to SAIM
6. Documented completion (by a letter from the RA) of graduate coursework in biostatistics, research methods, and/or research ethics

The residents in our program frequently fulfill multiple requirements during their residency. Although the Master's Degree requirement listed above indicated that the degree was optional, all residents are expected to complete a Master's degree. However, if a resident already has a Master's degree (or PhD) prior to starting the residency, we do not require them to complete a second Master's Degree. By enrolling in the Master's Degree program, residents will fulfill several of these scholarly activities.

1. We do not require the residents to participate in the ACVIM sponsored courses; however, if they would like to participate, we will support them, and allow them time to participate.
2. As part of the Master's Degree, residents need to complete a research project, and this requires submitting at least one grant, usually two grants. The House Officer Internal Grant Program at MSU-CVM requires an external grant submission for every internal grant submitted.
3. At least once during the residency, we plan on the residents submitting their research findings for presentation at the ACVIM Forum.
- 4 & 5. To fulfill the Master's Degree and ACVIM publication requirements, residents are required to complete a research project and publish their research findings.
6. The course work required for the Master's Degree requires the completion of a biostatistics course AND a research methods course.

If a resident already has a graduate degree, and not enrolled in the Master's program, it is still expected that the resident starts and completes a research project. This will include the following:

- +/- Grant submission - Depending on the study (ie no grant will be submitted for a retrospective study)
- Completion of a prospective or retrospective research project
- Presentation of research results at the ACVIM Forum

21. Is the resident required to give one or more formal presentations at a conference or in an educational setting on a yearly basis? Please provide a description of the conferences, etc., that are provided and the typical schedule.

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

Describe: Residents will typically give at least one college-wide seminar yearly. Although this will vary among residents and research projects, this is the typical plan for presentation.

Year 1 - As part of the Master's program, residents will give a literature review for their research project in a Graduate Research Seminar Course.

Year 2 - Present their research findings at the ACVIM Forum

Year 3 - Present their research findings in a thesis presentation and defense.

Depending on the research and progression of the project, some of these presentations may not occur on this proposed schedule. For example, a research project may not be completed until the beginning of the 3rd year of their residency, and the ACVIM Forum presentation will occur during the 3rd year, the same year as the thesis presentation. Therefore, there are several other options for yearly presentations that include:

Case presentation at Morbidity and Mortality Rounds
 Continuing Education presentation at a local veterinary conferences
 Unique/Interesting Case Presentations at a College Wide Seminar

Through out the 3 year residency program, most residents will give all presentations listed above.

22. How many major veterinary medical or medical meetings is each resident able to or expected to attend during his/her training program?

Program length	One	Two	> Two
3 Years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

23. Does the training program require a research project? Please indicate the number of research projects required.

Program Length	Yes	No	Optional	Number
3 years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1

24. Are one or more publications required as part of the training program?

Program length	Yes	No	Number
3 Years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1

25. Does each resident in your program meet at least twice yearly with their Resident Advisor to evaluate the resident's performance, review their progress in the program, and assess whether or not their training program is proceeding as described in this document with a dated written summary of this evaluation?

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

26. Please provide the structure of the training program to include (but not limited to): the length and number of clinical rotations per year; distribution of time allocated for research, writing, exam preparation, other scholarly activity, and vacation; and distribution of time allocated to out-rotations if this is a multi-site program.

Please refer to the CM (Section 9.F) for specific details. The following table is provided as an example.

NOTE: a detailed description defining the individual time requirements would be acceptable in addition to the table.

Example:

	Year 1 # Weeks	Year 2 # Weeks	Year 3 # Weeks	Total # Weeks	Training On Site or Off Site
Internal Medicine, Direct Diplomate Supervised (Diplomates listed in number 9), Minimum of 68 weeks					
Direct Supervision	34	28	26	88	On site
Additional Diplomate Supervised Rotations (Diplomates listed in number 8), Minimum of 16 weeks					
Emergency and Critical Care	2	2		4	On site
Cardiology	2	2	2	6	On site
Neurology	2	2		4	On site
Oncology	2	2	2	6	On site
Additional Direct or Indirectly Supervised Rotations					
Internal Medicine, Indirectly Supervised			8	8	On site
Additional Clinical Rotations: Please specify in comment section	2	2	2	6	On site
Electives*	1	1	1	3	Off site
Diagnostic Imaging					
Radiology		1		1	On site
Ultrasound	1			1	On site
Pathology					
Clinical Pathology		1		1	Off site
Anatomical Pathology					
Additional Rotations					
Research and Scholarly Activity	4	4	4	12	On site

Studying		4	4	8	
Meeting		1	1	2	On/Off site
Vacation	2	2	2	6	Off site
Total	52	52	52	156	
<i>* Electives can be 0-3 weeks. If unavailable, will default to directly supervised internal medicine</i>					

Please note that this table is for recording the number of weeks and/or hours that the resident will spend on the rotations/services for each year that will satisfy the CM requirements. The number for each year should add up to 52 weeks. It is understood that each resident's program will differ with regard to which year a given rotation is completed; the table should summarize the rotations in which residents in your program will participate. The CM specifies that the program outlined in this program renewal form becomes the requirements that a resident must fulfill to complete the training program. Please see CM section 4.F.2 "Once a program has been approved, even if its requirements exceed the minimum requirements as published in the CM, the requirements specified in the program description have become the official requirements for completion of the residency. Neither a candidate nor a Program Director may retroactively petition for successful completion of a residency that has met the minimum requirements of the CM if they have left the program but have not completed all requirements of the previously approved program."

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	Year 1 # Weeks	Year 2 # Weeks	Year 3 # Weeks	Total # Weeks	Training On Site or Off Site
Internal Medicine, Direct Diplomate Supervised (Diplomates listed in number 7), Minimum of 68 weeks					
Direct Supervision	26	21	21	68	On-Site
Additional Diplomate Supervised Rotations (Diplomates listed in number 8), Minimum of 16 weeks [CM 9.F.2]					
Cardiology		2		2	Off-Site
Oncology	4	4	2	10	On-Site
Neurology		2		2	On-Site
Ophthalmology			2	2	On-Site
Additional Direct or Indirectly Supervised Rotations					
Internal Medicine, Indirectly Supervised			4	4	On-Site
Additional Clinical Rotations: Please specify in comment section	6	1	3	10	On-Site
Electives*					
Diagnostic Imaging					
Radiology	1			1	On-Site
Ultrasound		1		1	On-Site
Pathology					
Clinical Pathology		1		1	On-Site
Anatomical Pathology					
Additional Rotations					
Scholarly Activity	13	13	13	39	On-Site
Studying		4	4	8	
Meeting		1	1	2	Off-Site
Vacation	2	2	2	6	Off-Site
Total	52	52	52	156	
<i>* Electives can be 0-3 weeks. If unavailable, will default to directly supervised internal medicine</i>					

NOTE: a detailed description defining the individual time requirements would be acceptable here in addition to the table:

Describe:

The residency is a three year program. Each resident is on clinics for approximately 30 to 36 weeks of each year, although residents may choose to do more clinic time in their first few years and save up development time for later in the program. Residents remains in the MSU Small Animal Internal Medicine Service (which also handles cardiology and oncology referrals) during time on clinics. Residents are typically assigned four to six weeks of development time for exam preparation before both the ACVIM General Examination and the ACVIM Certifying Examination.

The scheduling of development time is flexible, and is designed to allow the most efficient use of off-clinic times for exam preparation, research projects, and scholarly activities. A 6-8 week block of development time is usually reserved for the candidate's final year, to coincide with graduate thesis preparation and defense. A limited amount of coursework and research can be conducted during on-clinic time. Residents are expected to complete their Masters graduate program prior to completion of their residency.

Oncology/Cardiology/Neurology:

The Oncology and Neurology rotations are held on-site, while the Cardiology rotation is off-site. Please see attached documents. While at MSU, the SAIM residents will be responsible for cardiology cases under the direct supervision of a boarded SAIM Diplomate. MSU-CVM also has an agreement with the IDEXX Cardiology Consultation Service to provide guidelines and suggestions from boarded cardiologists.

Radiology:

During the first year of their residency, residents will spend one week (40 hours) in our Radiology service under the supervision of a board certified veterinary radiologist with an emphasis on interpreting radiographs, CT/MRI images, and any additional imaging modality. During the second year of their residency, residents will spend one week (40 hours) in our Radiology service under the supervision of a board certified veterinary radiologist with an emphasis on ultrasound training. During Spring and Fall Semesters, residents will attend a one hour radiology class every other week with at least one board certified veterinary radiologist. Additionally, at least one board certified radiologist is always on clinics and the residents have frequent interactions with the radiologists on a case by case basis.

Clinical Pathology:

The clinical pathology rotation is held on-site and date of this rotation is dependent on the resident's and clinical pathologist's schedule.

Project/writing/study:

Approximately 15-17 weeks per year, but may not be an equal amount each year, to study, publish, prepare teaching material, conduct research, complete coursework and defend thesis.

Electives/Additional Clinical Rotations:

Residents get to choose additional clinical rotations. However, if they do not schedule additional rotations, they will default to medicine.

Indirect Supervision:

During the 3rd year of their residency, residents will spend 4 weeks on their "chief resident" block. During these weeks, the senior resident will be responsible for one side (two sides total) of the medicine service. An ACVIM boarded internist is responsible for the other half of the medicine service, and will act as support for the 3rd year resident if help is requested.

27. Is there any additional pertinent information that the Residency Training Committee should consider in its evaluation of this Training Program?

Yes

No

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Describe:

N/A

Please note, any Program Director or Candidate that significantly changes or alters this Residency Training Program before completion must notify ACVIM, in writing, before the changes are made to ensure that the proposed changes are approved.

Significant changes could include, but are not limited to:

- transferring from one program to another
- alterations in program duration
- switching to a 'dual board' program
- enrolling in an institutional graduate program
- change of Program Director or Resident Advisor

As Program Director, I verify that the above information is an accurate reflection of this Residency Training Program.

Per the Certification Manual, each year, the Program Director must certify to the RTC/ RTCC and ACVIM, in writing, that they have read the ACVIM Certification Manual and understands their role in residency training.

Checking this box is an indication I have read the ACVIM Certification Manual and understand my role in Residency Training Program.