

Fellowship and Accreditation Committee of IAPA

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An online meeting of the Fellowship and Accreditation Committee of IAPA was held on 3rd October, 2023 from 1930-2030 hours. The meeting was attended by the senior office bearers of IAPA: Dr. Neerja Bhardwaj, President, Dr. Nandini Dave, Vice-president, and Dr. A Muralidhar, Secretary, and members of the committee: Dr. Sandhya Yaddanapudi, Dr HM Krishna, Dr Anila Malde, Dr Ravi Naga Prasad and Dr R Jayanthi. The committee recommended that the following be added/modified to the institutional and faculty criteria, curriculum, logbook and assessment of fellows.

1. Institute criteria:
 - a. A maximum of 4 IAPA fellows per institute.
 - b. A case load of 75 pediatric surgical cases per month in the institute for 2 fellows.
 - c. Proportionately higher caseload if there are more fellows.
2. Faculty criteria
 - a. Number: The number of faculty should be based on:
 - i. whether the faculty is *full time pediatric anesthetist* (works exclusively in pediatric anesthesia) or *part-time* (works in pediatric anesthesia only on some days of the week) and
 - ii. the total number of pediatric anesthesia fellows/students in the institute including IAPA fellows and fellows enrolled in other pediatric anesthesia courses, such as FNB, university/state/WFSA fellowship, PDCC, etc.

We recommend:

 - 2 full-time OR 3 part-time pediatric anesthesia faculty for 2 fellows.
 - 3 full-time OR 4 part-time pediatric anesthesia faculty for 4 fellows.
 - 4 full-time OR 6 part-time pediatric anesthesia faculty for 6 fellows
 - b. Names of the faculty associated with IAPA fellowship should be clearly mentioned in the accreditation form.
 - i. In case one of these faculty leaves the institute, IAPA should be immediately informed. If the institute is not able to replace the faculty, the accreditation for the next session should be withdrawn.
 - ii. Each faculty may be associated with a maximum of 2 subspecialty courses in the institute.
 - iii. The coordinator of IAPA fellowship may be associated with another course but should not be the coordinator of that course.
 - iv. Faculty should work in at least 2 pediatric OTs per week / 8 pediatric OTs per month and manage at least 50 major and 100 minor pediatric cases per year.
3. Fellows:
 - a. Fellows should not do any other fellowship/diploma simultaneously. This undertaking should be given in writing by the fellow at the time of enrolment, should be signed by the course coordinator and head of institute, and submitted to IAPA.

- b. If an IAPA fellow is found to be pursuing another course simultaneously, he will be debarred from IAPA fellowship forever while the institute will be debarred for 2 years.
 - c. Each fellow should manage a minimum of 250 pediatric anesthesia cases during the fellowship. These should include at least:
 - i. 10-12 neonatal anesthesia cases
 - ii. 20 pediatric cases for emergency surgery
 - iii. Preferably 10 pediatric patients with congenital heart disease for sedation /anesthesia (cardiac or non-cardiac surgery)
 - iv. Preferably 10 pediatric neuroanesthesia cases
4. Logbook:
- a. Cases to be filled in a spreadsheet (Excel) in the prescribed format
 - b. Entries to be verified and signed by the coordinator/faculty at least every month.
 - c. Logbook spreadsheet should be uploaded every 6 months in June and December by the fellow
 - d. Completed and verified logbook should be uploaded 1 month before the exit exam by the fellow in pdf format.
 - e. If logbook is not uploaded in time, the fellow will be required to pay a fine of Rs.5,000 before being allowed to appear for the exam.
 - f. Logbooks are to be checked by the examination committee/examiners at 6 months and before the exit exam.
5. Assessment of fellows:
- a. Evaluation of all fellows is to be done at 6 months in the form of a theory examination by local coordinators. The fellow should upload the result signed by coordinator. Examination committee to ensure that this exam is held. It is essential for a fellow to pass this internal exam. However, marks will not be added to the final exam result.
6. Fellows, coordinators and examiners to be made aware of the curriculum, requirement of cases, logbook, conduct of a study and evaluation at 6 months.