

The Fellowship Council

Update on Dual Accreditation Designations for 2020-2021 Fellow Year and Beyond

1. All changes in accreditation criteria for fellows and programs for dual designation are only applicable for fellows entering training 2020 (fellow year 2020-2021) and beyond. Any fellows (one year or two year long) that start/started their training in 2018 or 2019 will be reviewed according to the current criteria (this also applies to programs). Note: This will mean that fellows graduating as late as July 2021 will still be following the current criteria.
2. Program designation and accreditation of programs starting in August 2020 (fellows entering training in August 2020) and beyond will change as follows:
 - a. Advanced GI MIS will have its new approved criteria enforced.
 - b. The current definition for dual designation in Advanced GI MIS/Bariatric will no longer apply.
 - c. No special criteria for any dual (or more) designation will be created.
 - d. The FC Accreditation Committee will use the entire case log to see if a program fits a specific designation(s). The entire case log will be used to judge each designation individually and the fellow is not expected to have the sum of required numbers for each desired designation.
 - i. Example: A program that has a fellow that has 50 endoscopies, 20 foregut, 50 gastric bypasses, 10 revision anastomotic gastric bypasses, 40 sleeve gastrectomies, 10 inguinal hernias, 10 ventral hernias, and 10 distal pancreas.
 1. The fellow fulfills Bariatric Criteria (total 100): 50 gastric bypass, 10 revisional cases, 40 sleeves- thus the program is eligible for bariatric designation
 2. The fellow fulfills Advanced GI MIS Criteria (total 150 +50 endoscopies): 50 endoscopies, 20 foregut, 25 bariatric (out of 100), 10 inguinal hernias, 10 ventral hernias, 10 other advanced MIS (in this case MIS HPB), and 75 other advanced MIS cases (in this case the remaining 75 bariatric). Thus the program is eligible for Adv GI MIS designation
 - The program in this case can apply for dual designation (note that the fellow only has 150 cases +50 endoscopies, NOT the 250cases +50 endoscopies that would be required if the two designations would be summative).
 - If this fellow was to have enough endoscopy cases (and types) to fulfill the Flex Endo criteria, the program would in addition be eligible to apply for Flex Endo designation.
 - e. Additional designations will not be given/bestowed by the FC Accreditation Committee simply because the program is eligible. The program needs to formally apply for the change/added designation using the FC Member Change Form.

Please note: In addition to the case criteria, the Fellowship Council Accreditation Committee will review all aspects of the program including the curricula and program requirements such as educational components, research and scholarly activity.