



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. What is *Residency Essentials*?**

*Residency Essentials* is an online didactic curriculum developed for IR residents in their last 2 years of training that provides the base knowledge all IR residents should acquire during residency training. It includes 45-50 clinical practice modules and 7-8 requisite knowledge modules. Although all modules are available at once, it is recommended to complete *Residency Essentials* over two years.

### **2. Should programs purchase *Residency Essentials* seats for all their IR residents?**

In general, programs should purchase the *Residency Essentials* platform for their PGY-5 thru PGY-7 ESIR and IR Residents.

### **3. Is *Residency Essentials* for independent IR residents or is it specifically designed for the integrated IR residency?**

*Residency Essentials* is designed for all residents during their two years of dedicated IR training, regardless of training pathway. PGY-5 ESIR residents, PGY-5 & PGY-6 integrated residents and PGY-6 & PGY-7 independent residents should all complete *Residency Essentials*.

### **4. What training areas are covered by *Residency Essentials*?**

*Residency Essentials* includes clinical practice and requisite knowledge modules:

- Clinical practice is disease-specific training that includes the following topics: gastrointestinal, genitourinary, men's health, neurological, oncology, pain and palliation, pediatric, vascular, and women's health.
- Requisite knowledge is general medical education training that includes the following topics: business and law, systems and system-based practice, physician wellness and development, and research and statistics.

### **5. How long does it take to complete one *Residency Essentials* module?**

Each clinical practice and requisite knowledge module is designed to be completed within 4-6 hours. In some cases, individual circumstances may necessitate completing the module at a quicker or slower pace.

### **6. What is *Residency Essentials: The Fundamentals*?**

*Residency Essentials: The Fundamentals* curriculum is configured for residents in PGY-2 – PGY-4. It provides 7-8 modules of foundational learning material that supports the program's curriculum.



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## **7. What training areas are covered by *Residency Essentials: The Fundamentals*?**

*Residency Essentials: The Fundamentals* is foundational training that includes the following topics: clinical medicine, intensive care medicine, image-guided interventions, and imaging and anatomy.

## **8. Why should I enroll my residents in *Residency Essentials*?**

The ACGME requires IR residency programs to provide didactic content as part of their IR residency training. Creating and delivering a didactic curriculum, testing resident knowledge on the curriculum, and ensuring content is continually updated is very time consuming. Enrolling your residents in *Residency Essentials* complements your curriculum by providing the required didactic lectures. Additionally, *Residency Essentials* goes beyond the ACGME requirements to expand training and knowledge in disease-specific areas not specifically required by the ACGME curriculum. This ensures that your residents acquire a comprehensive base of knowledge consistent with other training programs around the country.

## **9. I am an ESIR-only program that does not have an IR residency, can I enroll my diagnostic radiology residents doing ESIR training in *Residency Essentials*?**

Yes, ESIR-only programs should enroll their ESIR residents in *Residency Essentials*. Creating and delivering IR didactic content is even more burdensome for ESIR only programs because they train a small number of residents. Enrolling your ESIR residents in *Residency Essentials* removes that burden and ensures your ESIR residents are trained in the same content as others around the country, helping to ensure they are fully prepared to advance place into the second year of their independent IR residency program.

## **10. What are the components of each *Residency Essentials* or *Residency Essentials: The Fundamentals* module?**

Each module will have 3–5 learning objectives, a pre- and post-test, 60–90 minutes of video content, 20–60 minutes of required reading materials along with a selection of supplemental video and reading materials.

## **11. As a program director will I have access to my resident's test scores and progress?**

Yes, programs who enroll their residents can access progress reports and test scores. Programs will also have their own program portal, where they can post messages or reminders for their trainees.

## **12. How will *Residency Essentials*' curriculum work for independent programs with ESIR trained residents who will only train for one year in the independent IR residency?**

Most ESIR residents should complete some, if not all, of *Residency Essentials* during their PGY-5 ESIR year. If an ESIR resident does not enroll in *Residency Essentials* prior to starting independent residency, their new training program can choose to purchase it for them.



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**13. If an ESIR independent resident is coming from another institution, does their history of modules/tests done in ESIR follow them to their new independent program?**

Yes, ESIR residents who complete a portion or all of *Residency Essentials* at a different institution can transfer their history and performance to their new institution's *Residency Essentials* portal when starting independent residency.

**14. How is *Residency Essentials* different from the ACR RadExam?**

*Residency Essentials* is a self-paced online training and education program that covers the breadth of IR. Each module will have 3–5 learning objectives, a pre- and post-test, 60–90 minutes of video content, 20–60 minutes of required reading materials, along with a selection of supplemental video and reading materials. RadExam is an assessment tool, which provides specialty and resident level specific exams that can be administered at the end of each rotation.

**15. Do residency programs have to enroll their residents in *Residency Essentials*, or can residents enroll on their own individually?**

Ideally, training programs will enroll their residents in *Residency Essentials* so the program director can access trainee assessment and completion data and take advantage of an individual program portal with logo. These options are only available to programs. Email [essentials@sirweb.org](mailto:essentials@sirweb.org) for more information about enrollment options.

**16. Is *Residency Essentials* priced per resident or per program?**

*Residency Essentials* is priced per resident. There is a yearly portal fee and a one-time fee for each resident seat. [View Residency Essentials pricing.](#)

**17. How do residents enroll in *Residency Essentials: The Fundamentals*?**

Residents enroll individually in *Residency Essentials: The Fundamentals*. It will be available as a product in the [SIR Learning Center](#). Many programs may choose to purchase the product for their residents. Please email [essentials@sirweb.org](mailto:essentials@sirweb.org) for information to purchase the product for residents.