



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Residency Essentials?

Residency Essentials is an SIR developed multi-year online didactic curriculum for IR trainees that provides the base knowledge all IR residents should acquire during residency training.

2. 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. By enrolling your residents in Residency Essentials, this burden is removed, allowing you to focus on more higher-level activities. 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, which is important for the best patient care.

3. I am an ESIR-only program that doesn't 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. Plus, it helps to ensure 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.

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

Fundamentals, Requisite Knowledge, and Clinical Practice will be three different products available in the SIR Learning Center. Enrollment will vary depending on a resident's IR training pathway. Integrated IR residency programs will typically enroll their residents sequentially in all three products. For independent IR residents, there will be variations, depending on the situation. Email education@sirweb.org for more information about enrollment options.

5. 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 landing page, where they can post messages or reminders for their trainees.



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6. What training areas are covered by Residency Essentials?

Residency Essentials is divided into three different content sections: *Fundamentals*, *Requisite Knowledge* and *Clinical Practice*.

Fundamentals is introductory training that includes the following topics: clinical medicine, intensive care medicine, image-guided interventions, and imaging and anatomy.

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.

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.

7. How many modules will each content section have?

The Fundamentals section will have 7–8 modules. The Requisite Knowledge section will have 7–8 modules. The Clinical Practice section will have 45–50 modules.

8. How long does it take to complete one module?

Each module is designed to be completed during a 2-week period. In some cases, individual circumstances may necessitate completing the module at a quicker or slower pace.

9. How are modules organized?

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.

10. Will the three sections be completed by residents sequentially?

Most will complete the sections sequentially, but this will depend on individual circumstances and the resident's IR training pathway. All trainees must complete Fundamentals before starting Clinical Practice. However, there is more flexibility with Requisite Knowledge. Requisite Knowledge can be completed before or concurrently with the Clinical Practice or Fundamentals sections.

11. In what training year are residents expected to complete the 45–50 module Clinical Practice section?

Residents will complete Clinical Practice during their two years of IR training. For integrated IR residents, that will be during PGY-5 and PGY-6. For non-ESIR independent residents, that will be during PGY-6 and PGY-7. For ESIR independent residents, that will be during PGY-5 and PGY-6.



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12. In what training year are residents expected to complete the Fundamental section?

The Fundamentals section is a prerequisite for the Clinical Practice section, so residents should complete Fundamentals sometime before starting their 2-years of IR training. For integrated IR residents, that will be before the start of PGY-5. For non-ESIR independent residents, that will be before PGY-6. For ESIR independent residents, that will be before PGY-5.

13. In what training year are residents expected to complete the Requisite Knowledge section?

Residents can complete the Requisite Knowledge Section any time during IR or DR residency training. Most integrated and independent IR residents will complete this section before starting their 2 years of IR training. However, some independent IR residents may complete Requisite Knowledge concurrently with Clinical Practice if they did not complete it during DR residency training.

14. What fees will be associated with Residency Essentials?

SIR is taking steps to ensure that eventual pricing is comparable with similar educational resources. APDIR member institutions will also receive a substantial discount.