

## Block Diagram Instructions

### Review Committee for Ophthalmology

A block diagram is a representation of the rotation schedule for a resident/fellow in a given post-graduate year. It offers information on the type, location, length, and variety of rotations for that year. When creating a block diagram, keep in mind:

- The block diagram shows the rotations a resident/fellow will have in a particular year of the educational program; it does not represent the order in which they occur.
- There should be only one block diagram for each year of education.
- The block diagram should not include resident/fellow names. The block diagram is not a resident/fellow schedule.
- Someone from outside of the institution should be able to look at a program's block diagrams and understand the educational experience of the residents/fellows.

### Tips for Completing the Block Diagram

- Programs that have established the integrated or joint format **must** include a block diagram for the PGY-1 year.
- Identify sites by using the site numbers listed in the Accreditation Data System (ADS) Sites tab (1, 2, etc.).
- Within each year, group rotations by site. For example, list Site 1 rotations first, followed by Site 2 rotations, etc.
- Ensure the block diagram information matches the Participating Site information section of ADS. For example, if the participating site information in ADS indicates Year 1 residents spend three months at Site 2, the block diagram should show Year 1 residents are at Site 2 for three months.
- The “% Research” row in the block diagram is for **dedicated** research time **reserved** on a resident's/fellow's schedule.
- Rotation names should be as specific as possible and identify the **educational experience** (e.g., general ophthalmology, glaucoma, pediatric ophthalmology).
  - The rotation name must include more than the name of the site. For example, “VA” is an insufficient description of the educational experience, whereas “VA Comp Ophth” is acceptable.
- Include a Notes section below the block diagrams and provide:
  - Site numbers and names
  - Abbreviations
  - Vacation
  - Rotation options if there are elective rotations
  - Any other information that helps the Committee understand the block diagrams
- Prior to saving the fillable block diagram as a PDF to upload into ADS, ensure the block diagram fits on **one page**. Notes can be on a second page.

## Example Block Diagram

*In this example, the ophthalmology program's second year rotations are divided into four blocks of equal duration.*

### Year 2

Block	1	2	3	4
Site Number	1	1	2	3
Rotation Name	Cornea	Comp Opth	Comp Opth	Ped Opth
% Clinical	100	95	100	100
% Research	0	5	0	0

### Notes

Sites:

1=George University Hospital

2=Veterans Administration Hospital

3=Western Children's Hospital

Abbreviations:

Comp Opth=Comprehensive Ophthalmology

Ped Opth=Pediatric Ophthalmology

Vacation: Three weeks per year