

ALLERGOLOGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY

Chapter 6, CHARTER on TRAINING of MEDICAL SPECIALISTS in the EU

REQUIREMENTS for the SPECIALTY ALLERGOLOGY and CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY

(as approved in 1994; amended in 1997, 2001, 2002 and 2003 by UEMS Section/Board)

Article 1

Central monitoring authority for Allergology and Clinical Immunology at EU level

- 1.1 The Allergology and Clinical Immunology specialist Section of the UEMS will be the monitoring authority of Allergology and Clinical Immunology in the EU.
- 1.2 The general standard for recognition of institutions and teachers in Allergology and Clinical Immunology will be established by the Board of Allergology and Clinical Immunology as well as by the Specialty and Educational Committee of EAACI, and approved by the Allergology and Clinical Immunology Section of UEMS.
- 1.3 Training should take place in accredited institutions.
- 1.4 Part of the training must be done in out-patients Allergology and Clinical Immunology centres accredited by the National Authority.
- 1.5 All allied specialties, e.g., Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Immunology laboratory-oriented, Dermatology, ENT, Pneumology, and others according to the Core Curriculum training program for Allergology and Clinical Immunology should be offered at all of the of institutions or centres (*hereafter referred to only as institutions*) providing training on a scale which is sufficient to provide the trainee with the opportunity to develop his/her skills in a team approach to patient care.
- 1.6 Optional training specialties (Clinical Pharmacology, Epidemiology, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Epidemiology, Oto-Rhino-Laryngology) could also be included in the training program.
- 1.7 Institutions providing training in Allergology and Clinical Immunology should manage at least 500 newly referred allergy and clinical immunology in-patients and out-patients per year and must meet the minimum requirements in regard to the facilities and competencies as quoted in the Core Curriculum.
- 1.8 To assure quality of training, the training institutions must be approved by the National Authority.
- 1.9 The program for quality assurance of training in Allergology and Clinical Immunology (Logbook) should consider the trainees' fulfilment of the requirements quoted in the Core Curriculum.
- 1.10 In order to ensure quality of training, the number of specialty trainees should relate to both the facilities available for training and the need for future specialists.

Article 2

General aspects of training in Allergology and Clinical Immunology

- 2.1 The Allergology and Clinical Immunology specialty training program must be preceded by a basic medical training according to national rules.
- 2.2 The duration of training in Allergology and Clinical Immunology should be a minimum of 5 years.
- 2.3 Two years minimum of Common Trunk (preferably in the first two years)
 - a. 18-24 months Internal Medicine (or Paediatrics)
 - b. 3-6 months Paediatrics (or Internal Medicine)
 - c. Options: Clinical Pharmacology, Epidemiology, Occupational and Environmental medicine.
- 2.4 Three years minimum (preferably in the final three years)
 - a. 24-30 months Allergology and Clinical Immunology in accredited institutions
 - b. 3 months Immunology Laboratory oriented
 - c. 3 months Dermatology and/or 3 months Pneumology and/or 3 months Oto-Rhino-Laryngology
- 2.5 In European Countries Allergology and Clinical Immunology should be a full specialty based on the proposed program. Where Allergology and Clinical Immunology is already practised as a specialized field of medicine and is officially recognized, even if not as a full specialty, the training programs should be recognized by the UEMS provided that they fulfil the common requirements defined by the European Core Curriculum for training of specialists in Allergology and Clinical Immunology as established by the UEMS Allergology and Clinical Immunology Section and Board.
- 2.6 The Allergology and Clinical Immunology training Logbook, based on the proposed training program, can be implemented in accordance with national rules, provided they are not in contrast with the requirements of UEMS Allergology and Clinical Immunology Section and Board. The different stages of training and the activities of the trainees must be recorded in the Logbook.
- 2.7 The National Authority together with the teachers, tutors and training institutions, should implement a policy of quality assurance for training in Allergology and Clinical Immunology.
- 2.8 Training periods in Allergology and Clinical Immunology included in the program should be performed in accredited institutions related to the specialty.

Article 3

Requirements for training Institutions

- 3.1 Recognition of the training institutions in Allergology and Clinical Immunology will be granted by the UEMS Allergology and Clinical Immunology Board on proposal by the National Authority.

- 3.2 Recognized institutions (centres) for full training should be located in countries where Allergology and Clinical Immunology is recognized as a full specialty. Where it is not a full specialty the requirements of both Articles 1 and 2 must be fulfilled. It is advisable that the specialty should become a full specialty throughout the EU in order to harmonise the discipline and to allow for the possibility to have a common European diploma. The training centres in Allergology and Clinical Immunology must have both in-patient and out-patient (ambulatory) activity, as well as immunology laboratory and emergence facilities. Competencies quoted in the Core Curriculum must be currently part of the activity of the training institutions.
- 3.3 A report of each Allergology and Clinical Immunology training institution must be presented to the National Authority who then must perform a periodical re-evaluation and certification.

Article 4

Requirements for teachers in Allergology and Clinical Immunology

- 4.1 The chief of training should be recognized by the National Authority and possess the appropriate academic and professional specialty standards and skills. The teacher, tutor and the staff should be practising Allergology and Clinical Immunology to its fullest extent.
- 4.2 The teacher/tutor should work out a training program for the trainee in accordance with the trainee's own qualities and the possibilities of the institution, which also complies with national rules and EU directives and considers UEMS Allergology and Clinical Immunology Board recommendations.

Article 5

Requirements for trainees

- 5.1 To build up his/her experience, the trainee should be involved in the management of in- and out-patients and should personally take charge of at least 500 Allergology and Clinical Immunology patients during the training in Allergology and Clinical Immunology. Trainees should be involved in the management of allergic patients including patients with asthma, nasal allergy, drug allergy, food allergy, urticaria and angioedema, atopic dermatitis and anaphylactic reactions, and, if relevant, the management of clinical immunology patients with immuno-deficiencies, either primary or acquired, autoimmune diseases and other immunologic disorders. During the training, the trainee should acquire the competencies listed in the Core Curriculum.
- 5.2 The trainee must have the ability to communicate with patients, to study international literature and to communicate with foreign colleagues.
- 5.3 The trainee should keep his/her personal Logbook, or equivalent, up to date according to national and EU directives, as well as UEMS Allergology and Clinical Immunology Section and Board Core Curriculum.