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## UBC Division of Respiratory Medicine

### Out of Province Electives for PGY4/5 – Pandemic response\*\*

The Division of Respiratory Medicine is committed to subspecialty training of medical residents and is **now accepting** out of province electives. Priority will be given to trainees in need of unique and required educational experiences that are not available in their home province.

Incoming residents should work with their own program directors and the UBC Division of Respiratory Medicine to develop a **mitigation strategy** to minimize risk of transmission of COVID-19. This may include scheduling a period of self-isolation at the beginning and end of a rotation, even if there is no formal restriction on interprovincial travel from public health. Self-isolation plans could also include using vacation time or creative scheduling options such as sandwiching a one block clinical elective between two-week research periods at the beginning and end of the clinical elective.

The Division recognizes that each clinical elective experience is unique and a mitigation strategy must be developed that addresses the specific program area (e.g. Core Service, Transplant, CF)

Out of province trainees who are interested in scheduling a respiratory elective in BC must connect first with the Program Director with the details of their elective request and a written mitigation strategy. They will then be connected with the program lead of the relevant clinical area. If the program lead is supportive of the elective, and there is sign-off by both the UBC Respiratory Medicine Training Program Director and the UBC Respiratory Medicine Division Head, program administration will work to schedule the elective.

The Division of Respiratory Medicine holds the right to cancel or reschedule any elective opportunities.

Please review the PGME website for relevant updates on a regular basis:

<https://postgrad.med.ubc.ca/current-trainees/covid-19-how-is-ubc-faculty-of-medicine-monitoring-the-situation/>

<https://medicine.med.ubc.ca/announcement-out-of-province-electives-for-pgy4/>

**\* Out of province electives for PGY1-3 are currently suspended (both outgoing and incoming) and not addressed by this document.**

**# All short-term international electives are cancelled until further notice. Electives of longer than 3 months will be considered on a case-by-case basis.**