



OMFS Fellow Candidates Pandemic Accommodations

The AVDC Board approved a proposal submitted by the AVDC OMFS Fellowship Oversight Committee which provides the following accommodations for AVDC OMFS Fellow Candidates that have been adversely affected by the pandemic:

- Allow 5 additional cadaver cases be performed under the supervision of their mentor utilizing either in person direct supervision or direct supervision via secure encrypted live streaming services with visual and audio capabilities where the mentor could be available to supervise the cases, albeit remotely, and allow these cases to be submitted as MRCLs even though these are technically the 5 cases that would be the ones reserved for cases that are not presented during the fellowship at the time of credentialing.
- The outlook, for at least one AVDC OMFS Fellowship Candidate, for accomplishing the required clinical weeks is questionable for 2021 because of the university denying clinical visitations by the candidate and faculty travel restrictions prohibiting visitations of the mentor to the candidate's practice. Some administrative departments have officially banned travel until May 2021 and any lifting/easing of these restrictions will not be known until the end of this year, at the earliest. In light of these severe restrictions, AVDC OMFS Fellowship Candidates severely adversely affected would be allowed to include up to 10 additional live patient activities that could be performed via secure encrypted live streaming services, such as Vimeo, where the mentors could be available to supervise the fellow candidate's cases, albeit remotely.
- Moving forward, candidates that are utilizing the live streaming option to accumulate cases for their MRCL would be allowed to post up to 4 weeks of clinical training on their semi-annual report, with a minimum of 3-4 cases counting towards a week of training.
- Once the pandemic restrictions are resolved fellow candidates will no longer be allowed to log cases and clinic weeks utilizing these pandemic accommodations.
- Those candidates that are in a part-time program, 3-year program will have the option to extend the length of their program to a maximum length of 4 years