Sample Block Diagrams

Block Diagram 1

In this example, the year's rotations are divided into 12 (presumably one-month) clinical rotations. Rotations may include structured outpatient or research time and electives.

Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Site	Site 1	Site 2	Site 2	Site 2	Site 2	Site 3	Site 3					
Rotation Name	Wards	Wards	ER	CCU	ICU	Wards	ER	ICU	Clinic	Wards	Clinic	Elec/Vac
% Outpatient	20	20	100	0	0	40	100	0	100	20	100	
% Research	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Block Diagram 2

In this example, the year's rotations are divided into 13 equal (presumably four-week) clinical rotations. Rotations may include structured outpatient or research time, and electives.

Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Site	Site 1	Site 2	Site 2	Site 2	Site 2	Site 3	Site 3	Site 3					
Rotation Name	Wards	Wards	ER	CCU	ICU	Wards	Wards	ICU	Clinic	Wards	Wards	Clinic	Elec/Vac
% Outpatient	30	30	100	0	0	20	20	0	100	0	0	100	
% Research	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Block Diagram 3

In this example, the year's rotations are divided into six blocks of equal duration. One of the blocks is used for an elective, which can be chosen from a list of elective rotations and a vacation month.

Block	1	2	3	4	5	6
Site	Site 1	Site 1	Site 2	Site 2	Site 3	
Rotation Name	CCU	Med. Outpt.	Wards	ER	Wards	Elective/Vacation
% Outpatient	0	100	0	100	0	
% Research	0	0	0	0	0	

Notes

Possible electives:

Cardiology Inpatient Site 1
Cardiology Outpatient Site 2

Pulmonary Disease Inpatient Site 2 Pulmonary Disease Outpatient Site 3 Gastroenterology Inpatient Site 3
Gastroenterology Outpatient Site 1

Block Diagram 4

In this example for a subspecialty program, the year's rotations are divided into four equal blocks. Structured research time comprises 40% of the resident's time on the specialty outpatient month. There is one three-month block devoted entirely to research.

Block	1	2	3	4	
Site	Site 1	Site 2	Site 2		
Rotation Name	Specialty Outpatient	Specialty Outpatient	Wards	Research	
% Outpatient	100	100	0		
% Research	0	40	0	100	

⁽¹⁾ In any block diagram, there must be a formal allocation for vacation time. If not shown in the diagram, a "Notes" section must indicate how vacation time is taken.