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| **Table 3**  Canadian Guidelines for Training in Perioperative TEE (2006) |
| |  | **Basic** | **Advanceda** | **Directorb** | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Minimum no. of examinationsc | 150 | 300 | 450 | | Minimum no. of TEEd | 100 | 200 | 300 | | Duration of training | 3 mo | 6 mo | 9 mo | | PTE examination | Yes | Yes | Yes | | CME hours (accredited CME hours)e | 50 ( 25) | 50 ( 25) | 100 ( 50) | | MOC: CME hours (accredited CME hours)f | 50 ( 25) | 50 ( 25) | 100 ( 50) | | MOC: minimum no. of TEE per year | 50 | 50 | 75 | |
| aTotal for basic training may be counted toward advanced training.  bProgram director qualification includes an advanced level of training in perioperative echocardiography and an additional 150 complete echocardiographic examination including at least 100 comprehensive perioperative TEE examinations. The trainee should also have completed a total of 100 hours of CME including 50 hours of accredited CME.  cComplete echocardiographic examinations interpreted by the trainee under appropriate supervision. May include transthoracic studies recorded by qualified individuals other than the trainee.  dComprehensive perioperative TEE examinations personally performed, interpreted, and reported by the trainee under appropriate supervision.  eCME hours to achieve either a basic or an advanced level should be completed within a two-year period. The CME hours required for a director level should be completed within a four-year period.  fCME hours for MOC at the basic, advanced, or director level should be completed within a four-year period  *Abbreviations*: CME, continuous medical education; MOC, maintenance of competence; PTE, perioperative transesophageal echocardiography; TEE, transesophageal echocardiography. NS, not specified.  *(With permission of Denault at al100)* |