



PROSPECTIVE APPROVAL OF OUT OF PROGRAMME TRAINING/RESEARCH (OOPT/OOPR)

Off-rotation training (ORT) now is called Out of Programme Training (OOPT) or Out of Programme Research (OOPR) and *prospective* approval must be sought from PMETB if this time is to count towards CCT training. Failure to get PMETB approval will mean that the OOPT/R time and competences will not be credited towards a CCT by PMETB thus delaying the award of a CCT. This policy was introduced retrospectively by PMETB in February 2007.

The College would now like to bring in a national procedure for dealing with future OOPT/R requests. The procedure will apply to:

- training and research outside the UK;
- research in the UK outside the parameters of what is already allowed in the CCT programme; and
- training in the UK in a post that is not approved for training by PMETB e.g. a clinical fellowship in cardiac anaesthesia (we believe that this will apply even if the post is in the trainee's own hospital).

PMETB's policy does not apply if a trainee moves to a PMETB approved post in another Deanery (what the College has always called secondment between School of Anaesthesia).

Procedure

The procedure will have 6 stages:

1. Trainee gets provisional approval from the Deanery Training Programme Director (TPD).
2. Trainee gets approval from the RA(s) (anaesthesia/ICM or both) that the OOPT/R will form part of a balanced training programme that can be signed off towards a CCT.
3. Trainee submits to the College the attached form and sufficient evidence to satisfy PMETB that the training will meet their criteria.
4. The College makes a recommendation based on its knowledge of overseas training regimes and returns the application to the Deanery TPD.
5. The Deanery, if it supports the request, writes to PMETB requesting prospective approval for the OOPT/R.
6. PMETB makes its decision and informs the Deanery, the trainee and the College.

Defence Medical Services (DMS)

Trainees deployed with the DMS on military operations (not exercises) will be subject to different procedures agreed between the College and the Defence Postgraduate Medical Dean.

Guidance

PMETB requires that any trainee who takes up an OOPT/R post overseas as part of their UK training programme must get a statement from the competent authority in the country where the training will take place detailing the purpose and structure of the post.

The College is busy collecting guidance from the most popular countries for OOPT/R as to how a trainee can obtain evidence to satisfy PMETB. Information gathered so far (to the best of our knowledge) is as follows:-

Australia and New Zealand

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthesia
<http://www.anzca.edu.au>

Singapore

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthesia
<http://www.anzca.edu.au>

Malaysia

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthesia
<http://www.anzca.edu.au>

South Africa The College of Anaesthetists within the CMSA can give details of regulations covering training in South Africa but it is the relevant University which would be the competent authority for the purpose of OOPT/R approval.

http://www.collegemedsa.ac.za/view_college.asp?Type=Form

USA

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
<http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/home/home.asp>

Canada

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada accredit all residency programmes. The relevant competent authority to give a statement can be obtained from the relevant university. Details of the individual universities in Canada can be found on the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada website.

http://rcpsc.medical.org/residency/accreditation/arps/anesthesia_e.php

Hong Kong <http://www.hkca.edu.hk/>

The problem areas will be:

- trainees who want to go to developing countries or non-governmental organisations without clearly defined and assessed training programmes; and

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- On their return to the UK all trainees will be required to submit a report of their training experience supported by a satisfactory assessment report from their designated supervisor.
- Trainees must plan for the final six months of their training to be undertaken in the UK. Only in exceptional circumstances would this period be reduced to a minimum of three months.