

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING IN INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE

Guidance for Regional Advisors and Local Educational Supervisors

This document sets out the requirements for the Joint CCT in ICM, agreed by the Faculty, its parent Colleges and the GMC. Trainees who are unable to obtain an ICM Joint CCT post will be able to register with the FICM and obtain certification in Intermediate or Advanced level ICM according to the standards set down by the Faculty. Termination of registration with the Faculty for Advanced and Intermediate training will not occur without due notice in the appropriate locations.

Training level	Definitions and requirements	Variations	Notes
<i>Basic ICM Training</i>	3 months ICM training in educationally approved posts	Must be taken as a continuous block. Time may be extended if competencies are not acquired in 3 months.	It is desirable but not essential to undertake Basic training before appointment to an ICM Joint CCT post. It may be undertaken as part of ST training in the primary specialty, during ACCS training or in an FTSTA prior to entry to the ICM Joint CCT programme. Intermediate training cannot commence without successful completion of Basic training.
<i>Complementary Specialty Training</i>	6 months of anaesthesia and 6 months of acute medicine (of which up to 50% may be Emergency Medicine).	The period may vary according to rate at which competencies are acquired.	Competencies may be acquired after ICM Joint CCT appointment, but must be satisfactorily completed before starting Advanced training.
<i>ST post in primary specialty</i>	Essential prior requirement for ICM CCT training.	None.	Specialty Registrar training programme in Emergency Medicine, Anaesthesia, Medicine or Surgery.
<i>Competitive entry to ICM CCT programme</i>	Competitive application to 'open' ST post in ICM. The trainee must already have a National Training Number in a primary specialty.	None.	Training post must be open to applicants from Anaesthesia, Internal Medicine, Surgery and Emergency Medicine. Closed or specialty-specific posts cannot be used for ICM Joint CCT training. It is desirable (but not essential) that trainees have gained Basic level competencies before appointment to an ICM Joint CCT post.
<i>Intermediate ICM Training</i>	6 months of ICM, generally taken in the first 3 years of primary specialty training.	Minimum blocks of one half of projected duration of module. Intermediate level ICM training (outside the ICM CCT programme)	Trainees wishing to undertake Intermediate training within their primary specialty must discuss this with their own Regional Advisors and the RA in ICM.

	<p>Trainees must have completed Basic ICM training</p> <p>All trainees must complete the Educational Training Record, including 10 expanded case summaries.</p>	<p>can be counted towards the ICM Joint CCT programme provided it is to the standard required by the IBTICM. If the trainee elects not to continue to Advanced training, this period may be designated Intermediate Training, but if appointed to the ICM CCT, this may replace part or all of Intermediate training.</p>	<p>Trainees should be supervised by the FICM as well as the primary specialty. They must register with the Faculty to receive recognition of Intermediate training, even if they do not intend to progress to Advanced level Training.</p>
<i>Advanced ICM Training</i>	<p>12 months ICM training in a single block, taken in the later stages of primary specialty training.</p> <p>Trainees must have satisfactorily completed Basic and Intermediate training in ICM and Complementary Specialty training.</p>	<p>Trainees who enter the ICM Joint CCT programme without having done more than Basic ICM training may complete the requirements for the ICM CCT in a single continuous module.</p>	<p>Trainees who undertook Intermediate training outside the ICM CCT programme must undergo a competitive allocation process for entry to Advanced Training.</p> <p>Advanced level Training taken outside the CCT ICM programme will not count towards a Joint CCT in ICM.</p> <p>Advanced level training must be undertaken in the final 2 indicative years of the overall training programme.</p> <p>Maximum of 6 months prospectively approved and satisfactorily completed overseas ICM training may be counted.</p>
<i>ICM CCT plus CCT primary specialty</i>	<p>Awarded as dual CCTs to trainees who have satisfactorily completed training in both primary specialty and ICM.</p>	<p>None.</p>	

All specialist training in ICM must be undertaken in units that have been approved by the GMC.