

Anaesthetics Trainee Update
05/05/2010

2010 Curriculum

Dear Colleague,

You will have read and been informed about the changes which are due to take place regarding the institution of the new RCoA 2010 curriculum which will replace the current 2007 curriculum. This will involve quite a few changes.

One of the important changes will involve recognition of the Irish anaesthetic examinations. I shall not reiterate the changes as they are all outlined on the RCoA website <http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/docs/IrishExamUpdate.pdf> [target= blank>http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/docs/IrishExamUpdate.pdf](http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/docs/IrishExamUpdate.pdf) and also the previous e-mail forwarded to you from Craig Williamson. I would also suggest you read the new curriculum [CCTinAnaesthetics.pdf](http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/docs/CCTinAnaesthetics.pdf) [target= blank>http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/docs/CCTinAnaesthetics.pdf](http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/docs/CCTinAnaesthetics.pdf) and the updated changes to this [CurriculumChanges.pdf](http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/docs/CurriculumChanges.pdf) [target= blank>http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/docs/CurriculumChanges.pdf](http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/docs/CurriculumChanges.pdf)

We have had discussions with Craig and also directly with Peter

Nightingale and on balance we feel that since there is an option for us to defer moving to the new curriculum until August 2011 that is what we are planning to do and I have notified the RCoA accordingly. This will allow some trainees to complete either the primary or final FCARCSI which they may have been preparing for. Those who complete the primary FCARCSI will however have to subsequently complete the final FRCA in London if they wish to progress to a CCT route to the specialist register.

Several trainees have asked me if having the FCARCSI diploma currently will prevent them from gaining a CCT. Of the answer is that having completed their training in the U.K. under the current 2007 curriculum they will be entitled to a CCT and do not need to apply through the CESR [CP] route.

Although we shall be deferring until August 2011, all new trainees starting in August 2010 will be on the new curriculum. We shall be advising them to only complete the London primary FRCA. Trainees can continue to do the FCARCSI and some might elect to do so especially if they have numerous failed attempts at the FRCA examination. However they should be aware that they will only be able to enter the GMC Specialist Register under the CESR[CP] route.

This all might change in future if the Dublin College chooses to submit its examination to the GMC for

recognition, but at present our advice would be for trainees to only complete the FRCA unless you are half way through and have already completed MCQ components or have already booked and paid for the rest of the examination.

There will be other major changes to contend with the new curriculum. From next year it will be necessary to have completed the IAOC (Initial Assessment of Obstetric Competency) certificate before a Basic Level Training Certificate can be issued. It will NOT be possible to defer this as at present, and the ST3 year can only commence when the BLTC is received. I envisage that this will result in having to move trainees around more between hospitals to satisfy training needs. It may also mean less flexibility in trainees' having a choice of rotation, although we shall continue to try and facilitate trainees where possible.

There will also be some further restrictions on intermediate level modules of training which can be deferred to ST5, although these will not come into effect until 2012.

We hope this has helped to clarify some of the issues brought about by the impending change in the curriculum. As ever it means increasing complexity, so it is very important that as a trainee you keep up to date. All paperwork needs to be updated promptly and you should constantly refer to the RCoA website. The ultimate responsibility lies with you but if you are uncertain about

anything Michael can answer most queries or you can contact any of us also.

With best wishes.

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