



TRAINEE BULLETIN



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From the Desk of the Chairman of Education Committee

DEAR SPECIALIST TRAINEES,

Welcome to the first issue of the Trainee Bulletin!

Specialist training in obstetrics and gynaecology has become much more structured nowadays. However, in the past 6 years, many changes and amendments of the education curricula, training requirements and examination formats have also taken place in response to the introduction and developments of new professional knowledge and skills required of an independently practicing specialist. In order to help disseminate and highlight those updated information, the Education Committee has decided to publish a Bulletin with a view of drawing your attention to such important changes that might affect your training. Together with the messages uploaded in the College Webpage, the items related to the Education Committee reported in the DialOGue and queries raised through your representatives at the Trainee Subcommittee, you would be better prepared and work out your own study or training plans.

It is planned that the Bulletin will publish, in future issues, reading lists and overseas training/examination courses recommended by your fellow trainees, dates of intensive training or mock oral examination courses not yet detailed in the 2007 College Calendar, common misunderstandings about training or errors committed at examinations, examination pass lists and passing rates, development of structured higher training modules, and, outcome of the proposed changes of requirements in elective training and research training that are currently still undergoing deliberation by the Education Committee.

Within your training unit, you are encouraged to seek guidance or advice from your designated trainer. The representative of your training unit at the Education Committee can also raise your concerns at the meetings for deliberation or discussion. You are also welcome to write to the Editor who will try to find for you a satisfactory reply. Those items of general interest will be selected for publication in this Bulletin.

Wishing you every success in your training, and, in you career as a specialist in obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Lawrence CH TANG
President
22 November 2006

Message from the Chairperson of Trainee Subcommittee

Trainee Subcommittee plays a role as a bridge between the trainees and the Education Committee. The information regarding training and examinations is passed to the trainee representatives of each training units in Trainee Subcommittee Meetings which are held three times per year and feedback from trainees would be conveyed back to the Education Committee by the subcommittee. Unfortunately, not all trainee representatives are able to attend the meetings; therefore, in order to improve the effectiveness of the passage of these important messages, Trainee Bulletin serves as a dialogue between trainees and the Education Committee. It will be published on regular basis, on every June and November. Comments are welcomed to ensure continuing improvements. Lastly, I would like to express my greatest gratitude to Dr LCH Tang and Dr TC Pun for their support in editing the Trainee Bulletin.

Message from the Research Subcommittee

- 1) All applications should provide enough background information in the covering letter, so that members of the Research Subcommittee would know exactly what they need to do without the need to search extensively their previous record for the College.

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- 2) It was stated in the training document that: "Candidates shall present their proposals at a half-day workshop during which these research proposals shall be critically appraised". It was agreed to delete the requirement for a proposal to be presented in a research evaluation workshop, and amend the frequency of research course from at least annual events to "at least every 3 years depending on the number of trainees".
- 3) The research proposals should be properly and thoroughly discussed and improved by their supervisor before sending to the Education Committee for approval.
- 4) The Research Subcommittee would submit the recommendation on research reports/proposals to the Education Committee within 1 month.

Message from the Exit Assessment Board

- 1) Basic and Higher Specialist Training Experience should be properly reported. Non-surgical experience should also be logged in the logbooks.
- 2) For those trainees entering into training well before the era of Structured Training, they should log detail of their experience

reflecting that they had received the training required in Higher Specialist Training.

Information Update

Study Leave

- 1) If the number of leave the trainee had already taken or planned to take exceed the 40/20 days in 6/3 months periods, the trainee would be recommended to apply for any short study leaves, as all approved short study leaves would not be counted as part of the 40/20 days absence from training in the 6/3 months periods.
- 2) It was clarified that with effect from 17th November 2005, short study leave (up to 10-14 day duration) during 6-month period at basic training or 3-month period at higher training would NOT be included in the calculation of absence from work, provided the total study leave do not exceed 40 calendar days or 20 calendar days in the respective period. All study leave would need prior approval from the Education Committee.

Deadline for submission of research report, logbook and case summary

- 1) If the trainees who have or will be applying for an elective period of training (one year or six months) in research, their research proposal and programme for the entire period, should be submitted not less than 3 months before commencement and

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the final report within 3 months after completion of Elective Training. For trainees who have been recruited for training after 1st July 1998 but who do not intend to do research in their elective year, they have to submit their proposal at least 12 months prior to their Exit Assessment and the final report submitted at least 3 months before the Exit Assessment. For trainees who have been recruited for training before 1st July 1998 but who will not undertake elective training in research, they have to submit their research activities at least 6 months before their planned exit assessment.

- 2) The 20 case summaries together with the first 3 logbooks in Higher Specialists Training should be submitted 1 month before finishing training.
- 3) The fourth logbook should be submitted within the first week after completion of training.

Questions & Answers

Q. It was reported in a recent Education Committee Meeting that the logging of non-surgical experience was often omitted. Trainees were therefore reminded to make adequate report in this respect. Some trainees enquire whether they should log each and every case they have managed in the "Individual Case Records"?

A. With reference to the general instructions given in Quantitative Log Book, interesting cases encountered

during ward rounds, emergency calls, labour ward duties, clinic sessions etc. should be recorded. The purpose of logging is to reflect the breadth of clinical exposure and experience of the trainee during the training periods. Therefore, it is not necessary to log each and every case they have attended in the “Individual Case Records”.

HKCOG 2007 Calendar for Education, Training & Examinations

HKCOG Postgraduate Seminars

29 April (Sunday)

11 November (Sunday)

HKCEM/HKCOG ALSO Courses

26 April (Thursday) – 3 May (Thursday)

HKCOG AGM Lecture

21 June (Thursday)

RANZCOG - Annual Scientific Meeting

2-5 October (Tuesday-Friday) in Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

RCOG/HKCOG Part I Examinations

5 March (Monday)

3 September (Monday)

RCOG/HKCOG Part II Written Examinations

6 March (Tuesday)

4 September (Tuesday)

Conjunctive RCOG/HKCOG Part II Oral Assessment Examinations

14 May (Monday) in Singapore

12 November (Monday) in Hong Kong

HKCOG Structured Oral Examinations

2 April (Monday)

8 October (Monday)

HKCOG Exit Assessment

26 January (Friday)

27 July (Friday)

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