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Diploma in Community Gynaecology

Common Questions



Is the Diploma in Community Gynaecology quotable?

- Diploma in Community Gynaecology, Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- DCG(HKCOG)
- 社區婦科文憑(香港婦產科學院)
- Since 5 November 2008



How to register?

- Trainees should fill up the registration form (it can be download from the web) and send it back the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.
- Trainees in Community Gynaecology should register with the College within one month of starting training
- For example, if a trainee starts training on July 1, he/she should register with the College before July 31.



Registration Fee: From 1st July 2009

- HK\$15000 first year registration
- For extending the training period HK\$5000 each year
- Examination fee: HK\$5000



What is the Community Gynaecology Programme?

- The training programme consists of three parts
 1. Out-reached Community based attachment programme
 2. Clinical Teaching
 3. Seminars / Lectures/ Education / Tutorial
- *For details, please refer to the file:
Diploma in Community Gynaecology Training Programme*



Programme revised in 2009

- Gynaecology clinic : Request termination of pregnancy (40 cases) changed to First trimester pregnancy complications (40 cases)
 - including at least 5 cases of termination of pregnancy counseling and 5 cases of missed abortion.
- Breast feeding advice : Add Family Health Service (Department of Health) as one of the training place
- Breast clinic: Add FPA as one of the training place
- Premarital /pre-pregnancy counseling clinic change to premarital /pre-pregnancy counseling clinic including postnatal clinic which is dedicated for counseling on future pregnancy: Add HA as one of the training place



Programme revised in 2009

- Sex therapy: Add FPA as one of the training place
- Weight management, Healthy diet: Add Family Health Service (Department of Health) in the training place
- Pre-approved items : Sexuality talk held in FPA
 - Basic session: equivalent 1 session of sexuality
 - Intimacy session: equivalent 1 session of sexuality



Family Planning Association attachment package

- From 1st July 2009, those who pay \$15000 first year registration fee
- 8 sessions of contraception (differ from MRCOG attachment)
- 2 sessions of well women clinic,
- 2 sessions of dietary /weight reduction advice
- 2 sessions of sexuality course will be delivered by FPA to our community gynaecology trainee
- (For the time being, a maximum of 20 packages per year can be arranged with FPA)



What is “recommended sessions/cases” means?

- This is the recommended minimum number of sessions or cases.



Who is responsible for providing the training?

- The department head of the training unit should be responsible for providing the training materials, clinical exposure, seminars, lectures and tutorial.
- The department head should estimate their training capacity before recruiting the candidate.



How can I find the training unit?

- All candidate need to write to individual training unit (existing O&G training units in Hong Kong) to ask for the availability of the training posts.



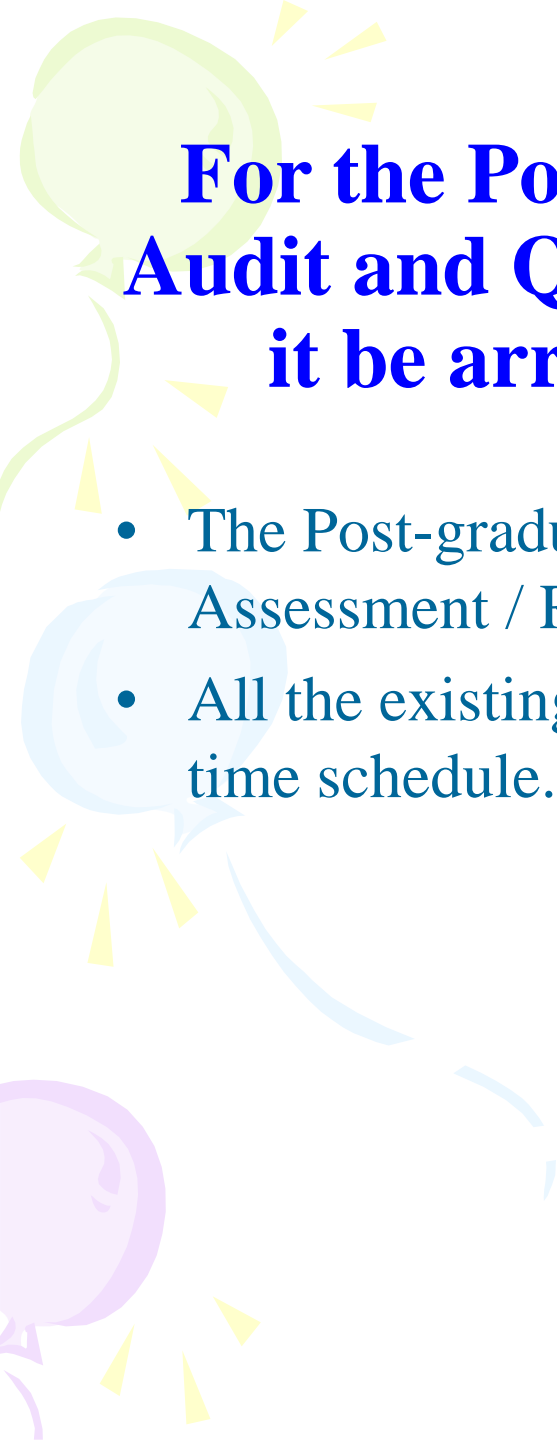
How many training units in HK?

- All exiting MRCOG/MHKCOG training units in Hong Kong are recognized for training in Community Gynaecology
- i.e. Department of O&G of the following hospitals
- Kwong Wah Hospital
- Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital
- Prince of Wales Hospital
- Princess Margaret Hospital
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital
- Queen Mary Hospital
- Tuen Mun Hospital
- United Christian Hospital



Is there any limit on the number of community gynaecology trainee in each training unit?

- For the time being, there is no limitation on the number of training post in “ Diploma in community gynaecology” in the O&G training units.
- However the training unit need to estimate their training capacity as a significant proportion of the training requirement involves other parties e.g. breast surgeon, family service etc.



For the Post-graduate education / Tutorial/ Audit and Quality Assessment / Research, will it be arrange in weekend or weekday?

- The Post-graduate education / Tutorial/ Audit and Quality Assessment / Research would be arranged by the training unit.
- All the existing O&G training unit have their own format and time schedule. The weekly basis is a guideline only.



Is there retrospective recognition of clinical experience ?

- Retrospective recognition of clinical experience is not entertained.



Will the College recognize training outside the training unit?

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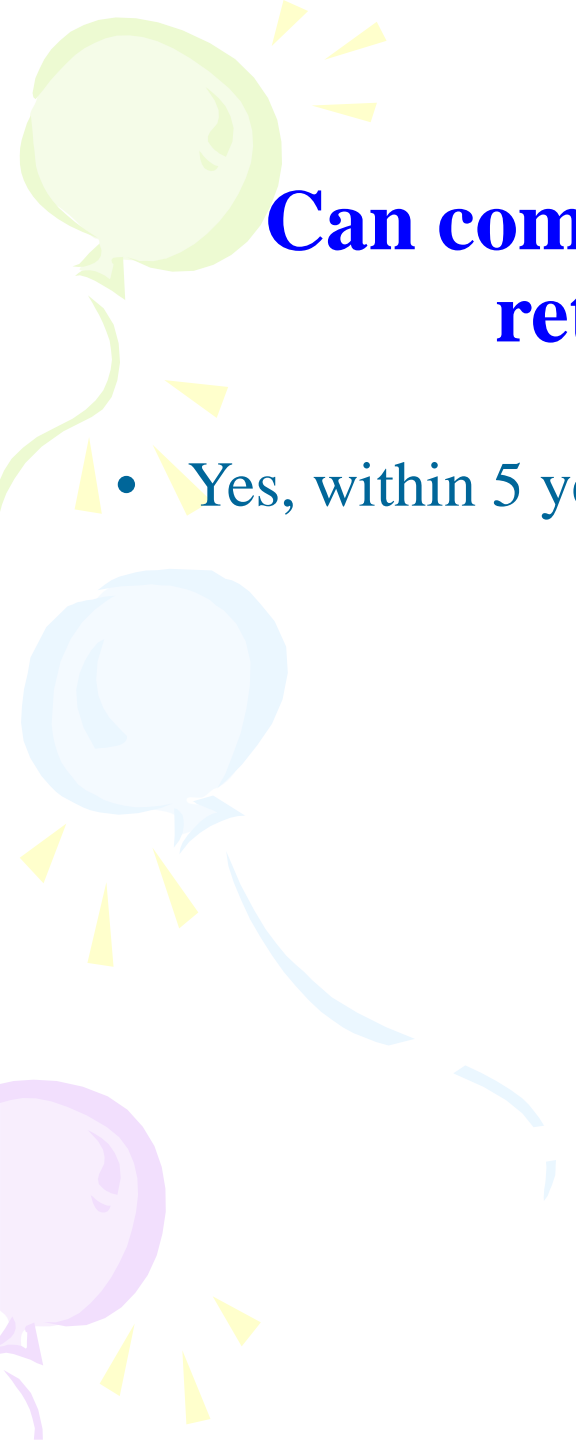
- FM trainees may have already done Breast Clinic when they were attached to Surgery
- FPA trainees would have already got FP experience
- Trainee who have elective year in other specialties e.g. anaesthesia with pain clinic experience.

Yes, but they have to apply and get approval from the Sub-committee when they register as a trainee in Diploma in Community Gynaecology.



What is the duration of the Diploma training programme?

- A minimum of twelve month attachment to a recognized training centre for Community Gynaecology



Can compulsory theory component be retrospective recognized?

- Yes, within 5 years



Is there any different between full time and part-time training?

- Any work duty arrangement need to be done with the training unit and the candidate.
- All the candidate need to fulfill the core programme with Log booked signed before they can sit for the OSCE.



Can the time of training be extended?

- In principle, the training period should be one year.
- If there is other circumstances the candidate cannot finish the training within one year, the candidate need to write to the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists through the department head of the training unit to apply for extending the training period.



Would overseas experience be counted?

- This is the diploma course of Hong Kong.
- We do not accept overseas experience for the time being



What is the format of the Diploma examination?

- Oral Structural Clinical Examination
- Examination Fee: HK\$5000
- Completed the theory course, logged book signed, one year after registration.
- 8 stations
- 10 minutes with 1 minute transition period in between
 - Interactive stations
 - Non-interactive stations



What are the non-interactive stations?

- Multiple choice questions or short questions which may be based on probe objects



What are the interactive stations?

- Given some initial information in the form of a referral letter or summarized case notes.
- After reading this, the candidate should start organizing a plan of management as if in the real clinic or hospital during the 1 minute transition period.
- The Examiner will have sufficient clinical information that may be required by a candidate for the diagnosis and management of the simulated patient. This clinical information may include patient responses to history questions, findings obtained through physical examination, investigation results, and physiological or psychological responses to management procedures and medications.



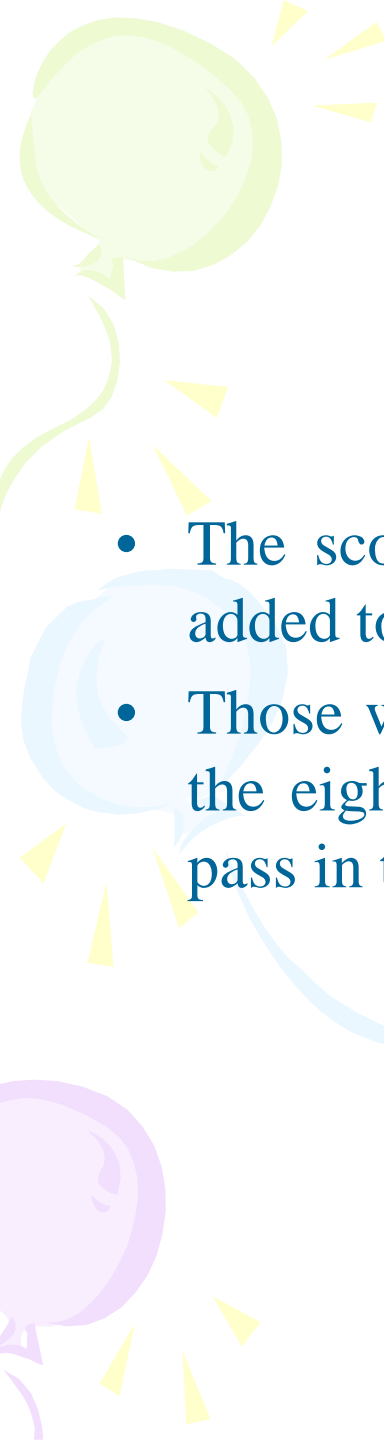
What are the interactive stations?

- The Examiner will usually provide the information.
- The candidate may verbally seek additional clinical information as necessary, give orders, diagnose, explain and direct the management of the patient in exactly the same manner as would be for a comparable real case in the clinic or hospital.
- The Examiner may alternatively play the role of a junior doctor, nursing staff, patient's relatives, etc



What are the topics for the stations?

- The eight stations making up the examination are intended to cover various aspects of community gynaecology which includes gynaecology, sexual and reproductive health including family planning, family health as well as life-style related topics.



What is the Passing Marks for the Diploma examination ?

- The score each candidate obtained in each station would be added together.
- Those who obtain scores not less than the total pass marks of the eight stations and pass at least 6 stations would obtain a pass in the examination.

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When would the Diploma examination be held?

- The examination is normally held in July.



When to apply for the examination?

- The deadline for application to the examination in July is the last day of April of the same year.
- Late applications will not be entertained.
- A statistical updated summary of the Quantitative Logbook should accompany each application.
- Candidates should bring logbook for inspection by the Examiners on the examination date.



Is there a limit for the number of examinations candidate can attend ?

- The candidate need to have examinations within five years after registration of training
- No candidate is allowed to attempt the OSCE after registration as a trainee of community gynaecology for five years



Apply examination in April but fail to complete log book

- The candidate would not be allowed to sit for the Diploma examination
- The trainee should apply for extending their training period through their department head.
- If the extension is allowed, they can sit for the Diploma examination next year



Thank You