

CT2 ACCS - Intensive Care Medicine

Programme Details:

TYPE: Core Training

ENTRY LEVEL: CT1

Introduction/Overview of Programme:

Within the North Western region there are 16 Intensive Care Units with recognition for training in intensive care medicine (ICM). The North West ICM training programme is one of the largest in the country and is highly regarded. The participating units seek to deliver the same excellent training to core trainees.

The objective of Intensive Care Medicine component of ACCS is to provide experience in the management of the critically ill patient, in a closely supervised environment. ACCS is an ideal route into ST training in Intensive Care Medicine.

General Description of Programme:

Each successful candidate will be based in one intensive care unit for the duration of their ICM attachment. All units participating in the ACCS programme, all of which have been recognised for training in ICM for many years. Although the size and nature of each unit will vary from placement to placement, each trainee will be given the opportunity to manage critically ill patients with a wide variety of medical and surgical conditions.

Further details of hospitals providing ICM training can be found on the deanery and ANWICU websites.

Educational Opportunities:

An FICM Tutor is based in each of the ICM training departments: the tutor will be responsible for providing mentorship and appraisal during each attachment. All units on the programme have a good reputation for the delivery of bedside and informal tuition.

Weekly tutorial programmes by the ICUs in several of the larger hospitals, and it is expected that all trainees will be given the opportunity to participate in one of these teaching programmes during their ICM attachment where one is not available locally.

More formal teaching is also available regionally in a series of Trainee Study Days. A regular teaching day is held at the Critical Care Skills centre and all trainees are expected to complete a "Transfer" course either during the ICM or Anaesthesia component of their training.

Research/Audit/Teaching:

Audit underpins the Clinical Governance arrangements of all ICUs, and all trainees will be expected to participate in this process. Teaching of more junior members of the multidisciplinary team will be encouraged.