

HIGHER MEDICAL TRAINING IN PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

INDUCTION INFORMATION FOR NEW TRAINEES

This guide addresses some of the frequently asked questions by new trainees. You should also receive induction information from your deanery addressing deanery-specific issues and an induction pack for each placement in your rotation. This is in addition to any trust induction you are expected to attend.

It is important that you familiarise yourself with the Specialty Training Curriculum for Palliative Medicine. It is a comprehensive guide of all that is expected of you during your training listing all required competencies and includes details of JRCPTB enrolment, assessments, supervision and the specialty certificate examination. A PDF version of the curriculum in its entirety can be accessed through the Palliative Medicine pages of the JRCPTB website.

I enrolled with JRCPTB for core medical training. Do I need to re-enrol again?

Yes. Despite previously enrolling with JRCPTB, now that you have entered Higher Medical Training you must enrol with the JRCPTB within three months of the start date of your new appointment. To enrol or for more details go to www.jrcptb.org.uk.

How do I access the e-portfolio?

Once you have enrolled with JRCPTB you will be issued with your e-portfolio username and password. You should then use the e-portfolio to record all appraisals with your educational supervisor, workplace-based assessments and reflections. After enrolling the Palliative Medicine Curriculum should appear on your e-portfolio allowing you to link appropriate items on the e-portfolio to the curriculum.

How should I keep up-to-date with changes to the curriculum and other training matters?

The latest version of the curriculum and information relating to workplace-based assessments and ARCP decision aids can be found on the Palliative Medicine Specialty page on the JRCPTB website (www.jrcptb.org.uk). Any changes to the curriculum and other training matters will be posted on this website so it would be good practice to keep checking the website for updates.

What workplace-based assessments will I need to do?

The 2010 Curriculum has a detailed assessment section which clearly states and describes the different workplace-based assessments expected. The ARCP decision aid is contained within the assessment section of the curriculum and details the evidence required of trainees for submission to their ARCP every year, this includes the minimum number of each assessment to be achieved for each year of your training.

Are there any groups or societies I should enrol with?

You must enrol with JRCPTB, as explained above.

It is highly recommended that you register with RCP for website access; this allows you to register your CPD points with the RCP.

The Association for Palliative Medicine of Great Britain and Ireland (APM) is an association of doctors, most of whom work in hospices and specialist palliative care services. For trainees, the APM Trainees Committee (informally known as The Doyle Club committee) represents palliative medicine registrars across the UK. Twice yearly APM Trainee study days rotate through the various deaneries in the UK and Ireland. For information on becoming a member visit www.apmonline.org

What do I do if I have concerns regarding my training?

Please refer to the flow diagram (appendix 2) in the Specialty Training Curriculum which gives guidance on who best to contact depending on the problem. If in doubt discuss initially with your educational supervisor or programme director who will advise you. Your deanery induction pack should provide you with details of the key individuals responsible for training within your deanery.

Terminology

ARCP - Annual review of competence progression. Held on a yearly basis. Logs that a trainee has attained all competencies and is progressing as expected through a training programme. More information can be found in The Gold Guide (copy available via www.jrcptb.org.uk)

CCT - Certificate of Completion of Training. Awarded on completion of training and satisfactory final ARCP.

CESR(CP) - Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (Combined Programme). Awarded to those who have completed ST 3-6 in palliative medicine but have not completed core training in the UK as set out in the Specialty Training Curriculum. For more information, see www.GMC-UK.org

CESR - Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration. Awarded to those who have combined qualifications, training and experience equivalent to that required for a CCT. For more information, see www.GMC-UK.org

PYA - Penultimate Year Assessment. External review of the assessment of a Specialty Trainee by reviewing their training record. The aims are to confirm that training completed to date is satisfactory, identify areas of clinical training which require completion with the last 12-18 months of training.

SAC - Specialty Advisory Committee to the JRCPTB. National committee for each individual medical specialty who set and review curricula and assessment standards as required by the GMC, support trainees to progress through training to certification, work with deaneries to deliver the quality management of specialist training.

STC - Specialist Training Committee. Ensure that the deanery's higher specialist training programme is well structured, supervised and that the training provided delivers the Palliative Medicine Curriculum.