

Guidance for all trainees commencing run-through training

Published Guidance

The JCST is currently working on detailed guidance and required standards information for run-through training. It is anticipated that this will be available sometime in October 2007. The wider regulations for all run-through training have been published in a Department of Health document known as the 'Gold Guide', downloadable from www.mmc.nhs.uk/pages/news/article?227E16A3-42B1-4FCB-BF6B-CEF787F9743C. The Gold Guide details regulations regarding entry into specialty training, registration and the assignment of training numbers, out-of-programme training and career breaks, assessment and final certification/specialist registration.

Registration with the ISCP

All run-through trainees must register with and use the Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Programme via www.iscp.ac.uk. This online system houses the curriculum for the nine surgical specialties and can be used as a management system for all aspects of training and portfolio management. Trainees are expected to use the ISCP with their Programme Director and trainers to demonstrate their progression through the PMETB-approved curricula. All trainees should ensure that they have access to this system from the start of their training and should be given an induction by their Programme Director or Deanery as soon after starting training as possible. Please contact the ISCP helpdesk on **020 7869 6299** with any technical questions.

Enrolment with the JCST

The Gold Guide stipulates that all trainees (StRs, FTSTAs, and LATs) must enrol with the JCST. All trainees will be assigned a training number by their Deanery and asked to complete a Form R. Once the form is completed, the Deanery will forward a copy to the JCST office. The Form R, together with a copy of the trainee's CV, enables the JCST to enrol the trainee either as a Core Surgical trainee or within their surgical specialty.

Once we receive the Form R, we will request an up-to-date CV. CVs will also be accepted if the Form R has not yet been received, but a trainee cannot be enrolled without both. When the Form R and the CV have been received, the JCST will write to the trainee and their Programme Director and Postgraduate Dean, confirming enrolment. ST3 trainees in run-through programmes will receive a letter from the Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) in their specialty, indicating a provisional CCT/CESR date.

Academic trainees may need to submit additional details about their research and timetable; further information about enrolment of trainees with an academic training number will be available soon.