

JCST

Quality Indicators for the Training Interface Group (TIG) Fellowships – Hand Surgery

Quality Indicator	
1.	Trainees in surgery should be allocated to approved posts commensurate with their level of training and appropriate to the educational opportunities available in that post (particular consideration should be given to the needs of less than fulltime trainees). Due consideration should be given to individual training requirements to minimise competition for educational opportunities.
2.	Trainees in surgery should have at least 2 hours of facilitated formal teaching each week (on average). (For example, locally provided teaching, regional meetings, annual specialty meetings, journal clubs and x-ray meetings).
3.	Trainees in surgery should have the opportunity and study time to complete and present one audit or quality improvement project in every twelve months. (The requirements for audit vary for each surgical specialty. Please refer to the designated specialty for details).
4.	Trainees in surgery should have easy access to educational facilities, including library and IT resources, for personal study, audit and research and their timetables should include an equivalent to half a day per week to allow for this.
5.	Trainees in surgery should be able to access study leave with expenses or funding appropriate to their specialty and level of training.
6.	Trainees in surgery should have the opportunity to complete a minimum of 40 WBAs per year (not including those done in a simulated setting), with an appropriate degree of reflection and feedback, the mix of which will depend upon their specialty and level of training.
7.	Trainees in surgery must be assigned an educational supervisor and should have negotiated a learning agreement within six weeks of commencing each post.
8.	Trainees in surgery should have the opportunity to participate in all operative briefings with use of the WHO checklist or equivalent.
9.	Trainees in surgery should have the opportunity to receive simulation training where it supports curriculum delivery.

Quality Indicators for the Training Interface Group (TIG) fellowships – Hand Surgery

Quality Indicator	
10.	Fellows in hand surgery should have the opportunity to receive a broad experience in hand surgery encompassing at least 3 of the 6 modules as defined in the cross curriculum between Plastic Surgery and Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery (T&O), (skin & soft tissue / fractures & joint injury / osteoarthritis & inflammatory arthritis / tendon / nerve / the child's hand & tumours) whilst accommodating the specific experience of the fellow.
11.	Fellows in hand surgery should have an established timetable with a minimum of 4 consultant supervised operating sessions per week, including hand trauma and elective hand surgery, with the opportunity for the trainee to perform at least 50% of the procedures.
12.	Fellows in hand surgery should have the opportunity to experience at least 400 operations per year across a broad range of hand procedures, both Plastic Surgery and T&O, with at least 60% of these supervised by the consultant hand surgeon.
13.	Fellows in hand surgery should have the opportunity to attend a minimum of 3 consultant supervised outpatient clinics per week, including trauma, general elective hand surgery and specialty hand clinics. Attendance at new patient and follow up clinics is essential to allow personal review of operations the trainee has performed.
14.	Fellows in hand surgery should have the opportunity to undertake research in hand surgery with encouragement to present at the biannual British Society for Surgery of the Hand (BSSH) meetings and submit research for publication.
15.	Fellows in hand surgery should be encouraged to enrol in the Hand Diploma and be supervised by a named tutor with knowledge of the Hand Diploma curriculum.
16.	Fellows in hand surgery should have the opportunity to attend the BSSH instructional courses and at least one BSSH meeting per year. Attendance at other educational meetings should be encouraged. Visits to other hand units, according to the trainee's interests, should be supported.
17.	Fellows in hand surgery should have the opportunity to attend generic courses, such as Training the Trainers, Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and a management course, which may be appropriate if required for certification.