



College of Operating Department Practitioners

**Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Operating Department Practice
Consultation Curriculum Document
Feedback Sheet for Consultation**

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What are your views on Section 3 – The BSc(Hons) in Operating Department Practice Curriculum?

(Please indicate by recording the page and paragraph number followed by the comments)

The RCoA welcomes the introduction of the BSc(Hons) in Operating Department Practice Curriculum. This is a positive and progressive step to developing the future of the profession. The section is very structured and provides a broad overview of the expectations, requirements and capabilities of students undertaking the course. There is a particular focus on patient safety (3.2) which is welcomed.

Some ODPs may not be well known to existing or experienced ODPs or anaesthetists in practice and so it is positive that there is a level of quality assurance in the endorsement and accreditation process for approved courses. Knowledge of this accreditation process will need to be widely distributed and communicated in order to provide assurance to the associated professionals that ODPs work with. It is not clear from the document (3.4) whether the endorsement and accreditation was for an indefinite or a limited period of time or whether this would need to be reapplied for at a later date. It would also be beneficial to produce a statement with regards to timing of the review of the curriculum to ensure it remains fit for purpose and meets the needs and requirements of current practice.

The College of ODPs should also ensure that it consults with practicing ODPs to ensure that they are both aware of the curriculum and its breadth, and are happy with its introduction.

The content of the curriculum seems appropriate. The selection process outlined also seems appropriate including the mapping of training from other allied professions to this curriculum. (3.5).

What are your views on Section 4 – Teaching Learning and Assessment?

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Section 4.1 – placements – should consider exposure to acute pain management in addition to others listed. P13

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What are your views on Section 5 – Practice Placements?

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No comments on this section.

What are your views on Section 6 – Proficiencies for the BSc(Hons) in Operating Department Practice?

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Section C2 - there is no identification of the level of knowledge required for each of the points within this section. The label of “detailed knowledge” is subjective and could lead to confusion/ misinterpretation.

P18, A3, 3.4 - add in audit and quality improvement.

The RCoA were pleased to see the inclusion of Section C.5 (p24). Applies knowledge of pharmacology within operating department practice – an understanding of the issues and functions in this area will be beneficial for an ODP.

The current official RCoA guidance and current [position](#) on ODPs not drawing up drugs (except in emergencies) is the subject of discussion between the RCoA and the College of Operating Department Practitioners.

Section C5.5 (p24) needs further clarification regarding the location when administering prescribed drugs. As noted above, the current position is that responsibility must remain with the consultant anaesthetist regarding the drawing- up the drugs and administration of drugs.

Any further comments (Please refer to the relevant page and paragraph)

It is not clear whether all ODPs are required to be members of the College of ODPs (whilst within practice or training) or not.

P26 7.11 this needs a statement regarding levels of supervision and by whom.

P34 – 9.28 replace local anaesthesia with regional anaesthesia.



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