



# Royal College of Anaesthetists

## Training Programme Update

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### **Advanced Level Intensive Care Medicine**

#### **Background**

The current guidelines for ICM requires trainees to complete 3 months of IBTICM intermediate level ICM in ST3/4 and the second 3 months in ST5/6/7. The purpose of splitting the 6 month block into two 3 month blocks is based on the concept of spiral learning.

The Training Committee was asked to allow some flexibility for those trainees who wished to complete the IBTICM advanced ICM by permitting the full 6 month block of intermediate level intensive care to be completed in ST3/4 and to allow deferment of other anaesthesia units of training into ST5.

#### **Revised Programme Rules**

The training Committee has approved the request for flexibility and the following rules apply:

- It is a School of Anaesthesia decision whether this flexibility is available within the School's programme;
- Schools of Anaesthesia must advertise whether the flexibility for advanced ICM is available in the School;
- Prospective approval to complete the 6 months intermediate ICM in ST3/4 must be obtained from the Regional Adviser for Anaesthesia;
- Up to two intermediate units of training can be deferred to ST5 with prospective approval from the Medical Secretary in accordance with section 11.2.3 of the 2010 CCT in Anaesthetics curriculum;
- Any deferred intermediate level units of training must be completed within the first 6 months of ST5; and
- Any trainee who decides not to complete advanced ICM after completing the 6 month intermediate ICM block in ST3/4 must undertake another 3 month attachment in ICM in ST5/6/7 to complete their spiral learning.

This Training Programme Update applies to the 2007 and 2010 CCT in Anaesthetics curriculums. These changes will be incorporated into version 1.2 of the 2010 curriculum as section 11.2.5.3 to be released in July 2010.

**Commencement date:** With immediate effect

**Review:** N/A