



Royal College of Anaesthetists

Training Programme Update

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Initial Assessment of Competence and Initial Assessment of Competence in Obstetric Anaesthesia

Background

The initial assessment of competence (IAC) is the first programme milestone for trainees in the anaesthesia and a requirement for trainees in the ACCS programme, irrespective of the trainees chosen speciality.

The importance of the IAC is emphasised in the CCT in Anaesthetics as and is viewed by the College as an important milestone in the trainee's progression towards the CCT. Due to the importance of this milestone, the Training Committee considered the question of who can assess trainees and who can sign the IAC certificate on 13 January 2010. The same questions were considered for the initial assessment of competence in obstetric anaesthesia (IACOA).

Assessment Policy

The individual assessments for the IAC and the IACOA may be performed by consultants and appropriately trained Staff and Associate Specialist (SAS) doctors in workplace based assessments. SAS doctors must also be recognised by the College as trainers. The final signoff for both certificates can only be done by consultants.

Commencement Date: With immediate effect

Review: N/A

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