



Royal College of Anaesthetists

Training Programme Update

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Deferment of Basic Level Units of Training to ST3

Background

The current CCT in Anaesthetics (CCT in Anaesthetics Part III, section 2) allows ACCS trainees to defer uncompleted basic level competences to be deferred to ST3, as long as the competences are achieved early in ST3 and are appropriately recorded on the Basic Level Training Certificate (BLTC). The reasoning for allowing this was due to the fact that training was run-through and would not create problems for the training programme.

When the anaesthesia programme uncoupled in August 2008 and required all trainees to competitively apply for ST3 posts, any deferment in competencies became problematic, particularly when the trainee changed schools.

It has come to the College's attention that some Schools of Anaesthesia have been deferring competencies from Core to ST3 for non-ACCS trainees, despite the curriculum clearly stating that all competencies must be achieved as part of the BLTC milestone.

Policy

The College policy is that all trainees (including ACCS) are required to attain all the basic level competencies and pass the primary FRCA exam to be awarded the BLTC. Any BLTCs received in the Training Department with deferred competencies listed will be voided by the Medical Secretary.

Commencement Date: With immediate effect

Review: N/A

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