



Royal College of Anaesthetists

Training Programme Update

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ICM Training

Background

The September 2008 Training Committee and subsequent Council meeting agreed changes to the published curriculum guidance on the ratio of anaesthesia training to intensive care training at the basic level for both ACCS and anaesthesia trainees, as well as the progression rules from CT2 to ST3 for all trainees.

The changes were published by the College in Training Update 02/2008, dated 17 October 2008. Since publishing the changes, a review of all the curriculum documentation has revealed discrepancies in the rules governing the intermediate level intensive care training required for anaesthesia trainees. The purpose of this training update is to clarify the requirements for intensive care training for those trainees in an anaesthetics programme.

Intensive Care Training

The College policy is as follows:

- Trainees, whether ACCS (anaes) or solely anaesthesia commencing CT 1 from August 2008 in uncoupled programmes, cannot progress to ST3 (anaesthesia) until they have obtained the Basic Level Training Certificate i.e. have achieved **all** the basic competences for anaesthesia and ICM.
- Training programmes may allow anaesthesia and ACCS trainees to complete 6/12 in ICM in the first 2 years but TPDs should be aware of the implications of point 1, i.e. that all anaesthetic competencies will have to be achieved in, potentially, a shorter time.
- In the case of trainees completing more than 3/12 of ICM in the basic years, the additional time will not contribute to intermediate levels of competency because trainees will not have the wider experience that underpins intermediate level assessment standards. In other words a trainee who has done 6/12 ICM at basic level should **only** be assessed against the basic competences and will still have to do 6/12 ICM training at the intermediate level.
- The intermediate level training should be completed in two 3/12 blocks, one in ST3/4 and the other in ST5/6/7. (For those programmes who complete 3/12 in ST3 and 3/12 in ST4, this requirement will take effect in August 2010)

Commencement Date: With immediate effect

Review: Will be incorporated into the revised curriculum