



Royal College of Anaesthetists

Training Programme Update

TRAINING IN PAEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE (PICM)

Council and PMETB recently agreed the following amendment to the curriculum leading to a CCT in Anaesthesia:

Trainees whose career plan includes taking the role of lead paediatric anaesthetist in a non-tertiary hospital may complete a 3 month module of higher level paediatric intensive care medicine (PICM) training in addition to their 9 months training in adult ICM. However, *in exceptional circumstances*, with the prospective agreement of the Regional Adviser and Training Programme Director, they may spend the final 3 months of their mandatory 9 months ICM training in paediatric rather than adult ICM.

This flier defines the circumstances in which the last 3 months of adult ICM may be replaced with PICM.

- It is the policy of Council that the overwhelming majority of anaesthesia trainees will complete the standard 9 months training in adult ICM. Paediatric ICM is an additional, optional, higher level unit of training for those trainees whose career plan requires it.
- The exceptional circumstance described above will apply to a trainee:
 - who for whatever reason has been unable to complete the 9 months adult ICM by the end of SpR4 (StR 6);
 - whose career plan includes taking the role of lead paediatric anaesthetist in a non- tertiary hospital; and
 - who for exceptional reasons cannot complete the adult ICM and PICM training in the time remaining for a balanced training programme.
- Applications must be prospectively approved by the Medical Secretary to the Training Committee, who will take into account the recommendations of the local Regional Adviser and Training Programme Director, who in turn should have obtained the views of the trainee's educational supervisor.

Trainees should note that failure to complete 9 months of adult ICM will mean they cannot achieve Intermediate Accreditation with the Intercollegiate Board for Training in Intensive Care Medicine.

This policy will be reviewed in 2010 as part of the submission of a revised curriculum to PMETB.

The syllabus for the higher level unit of training in PICM is included in The CCT in Anaesthetics IV Appendix A that can be downloaded from the College and PMETB websites.