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REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF CLINICAL TRAINING IN ANAESTHESIA AND MEDICINE AS PART OF THE CICM TRAINING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The six-year training program in intensive care medicine run by the College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand (CICM) has, in addition to 42 months of mandatory training time spent in accredited intensive care units, a requirement for trainees to complete a minimum 12 months of anaesthesia training and 12 months of medicine, 6 months of which must be spent in an emergency or acute medicine setting. This document sets out the criteria by which time spent in these two clinical disciplines will be regarded as meeting CICM's requirements and approved for training.

1. ANAESTHESIA TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The learning objectives for the anaesthetic period of training are detailed in the College training document *T-8: Objectives of Training for the Anaesthesia Term*. These learning objectives have been adapted in many cases from the relevant professional documents of the Australia and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) and in general terms correspond to the level of expertise required of an ANZCA junior trainee. The broad objective of the anaesthetic term is for an intensive care trainee to develop an understanding of the role of the anaesthetist in the operative and peri-operative care of surgical patients, as well as gaining increased skills in airway support, vascular access, post-operative pain management and the effects of surgery on physiological processes.

Anaesthetic training must be prospectively approved through submission of a Request for Approval of Vocational Training (AVT) form and undertaken in sites which have been approved by the College. There two ways in which a site may be approved by CICM for the anaesthetic component of intensive care training:

- i) Hold accreditation by ANZCA for anaesthetic training. Due to the overall similarity of the objectives of training between the two colleges, all sites that have been accredited by ANZCA as suitable for anaesthetic training are deemed to also be appropriate for the anaesthetic component of intensive care training.
- ii) Be accredited by the CICM Hospital Accreditation Committee (HAC) only for the anaesthetic component of intensive care training, following application from the site; submission of a detailed data sheet and inspection by a joint CICM/ANZCA inspection team.

It is also possible for trainees to apply for individual approval of anaesthetic training at sites that do not come under either of the above categories, for example, when undertaking periods of training in overseas jurisdictions not generally included in Australasian college accreditation processes. In such cases the Censor will make an assessment of the request based on the submitted job description meeting the Objectives of Training and the level of supervision available at the site.

In the CICM training program, anaesthetic training must be undertaken in minimum three month blocks and in order for the training period to be successfully completed, a satisfactory In Training Evaluation Report (ITER) must be submitted by the anaesthetic Supervisor of Training.

2. MEDICINE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

CICM trainees are required to complete 12 months of clinical medicine training. Six months of this time must be acute medicine (which may be in an emergency department). The learning requirements for both the acute and longitudinal elements of the clinical medicine component of training are detailed in the college training document *T-7 Objectives of Training for the Medical Term*. Clinical medicine training must be prospectively approved through submission of a Request for Approval of Vocational Training (AVT) form and undertaken in sites which have been approved by the College.

2.1 Acute Medicine Training Time

All hospital emergency departments which are accredited by the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) are approved as suitable for CICM trainees to undertake their acute medicine training time. Some acute care settings accredited by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) may also be considered suitable for the six months of acute medicine training. In these cases the CICM Censor will make a decision based on the position description matching the requirements of the Objectives of Training.

2.2 Longitudinal Care Medicine Training time

In order to satisfy the requirements for approval of training time in longitudinal care medicine, the position must be accredited by the RACP for either basic physician training or for one of the RACP advanced vocational training streams that satisfy the Objectives of Training for longitudinal care of patients. Not all RACP advanced training (ie subspecialty) programs will meet this requirement (for example, a placement in sleep medicine would not). If necessary, the CICM Censor will make a decision based on the position description matching the requirements of the Objectives of Training.

From time to time trainees may submit a request for approval of training in a position that is not accredited by either RACP or ACEM. The Censor will consider such requests on an individual basis and may grant approval, for example if the position has clear educational merit, fulfils the requirements of the Objectives of Training and provides consistent supervision from appropriately qualified specialists (e.g. FRACP).

In the CICM training program, clinical medicine training must be undertaken in minimum three month blocks and in order for the training period to be successfully completed, a satisfactory In Training Evaluation Report (ITER) must be submitted by the nominated Supervisor of Training.

3. RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

Intensive Care trainees may apply for recognition of prior learning of their training time in anaesthetics and medicine. The College Censor will consider all such applications on an individual basis and evaluate the trainee experience against the requirements of the anaesthetic and medicine Objectives of Training. Letters of service, position descriptions and other substantiating documentation will be required in order for an informed decision to be made.

Supporting College Documents

These guidelines should be interpreted in conjunction with the following documents of the College of Intensive Care Medicine:

College Regulation 5: Programs for Training and Certification in Intensive Care Medicine

T-7 Objectives of Training for the Medical Term

T-8 Objectives of Training for the Anaesthetic Term

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