III. <u>HIGHER SPECIALIST TRAINING</u>

- 1. <u>Training Requirements</u>
 - 1.1 Higher specialist training must contain at least 12 months of clinical general obstetrics and gynaecology.
 - 1.2 For the other 12 months, the following programmes may be considered;
 - 1.2.1 Clinical obstetrics and gynaecology, which may be in general or subspecialty areas
 - 1.2.2 Any other programme

Programmes other than clinical training in obstetrics and gynaecology must, under normal circumstances, be approved by the College prospectively.

- 1.3 Trainees in higher specialist training should play a more supervisory role and assume more administrative duties compared to during basic training.
- 2. <u>Training in Clinical Obstetrics and Gynaecology</u>
 - 2.1 Trainees should participate in activities as listed in section I-5.
 - 2.2 Trainees in higher specialist training should be trained in decision making towards management of more complex clinical conditions. The aim is to acquire competence in independent management of more difficult obstetric and gynaecological problems.

3. <u>Any Other Programme</u>

- 3.1 Up to 12 months of higher specialist training may be spent in other programmes approved by the College. These include:
 - 3.1.1 Overseas training
 - 3.1.2 Elective training in other relevant disciplines
 - 3.1.3 Research
 - 3.1.4 Any combination of more than one type of work
- 3.2 Assessment should be appropriate for the proposed programme and shall be determined by the College at the time of its approval.

4. <u>Completion of Training</u>

Trainees are considered to have completed higher specialist training after they have:

- 4.1 Completed a minimum of 2 years of supervised higher specialist training
- 4.2 Passed the remaining components of the Intermediate Assessment
- 4.3 Passed the Exit Assessment
- 4.4 Attained competence in areas defined in the Training Log Book

Trainees who have successfully completed higher specialist training are eligible to be nominated by the College for admission to Fellowship of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.