



THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS  
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## Training of Specialist Colposcopist

### Objectives of Colposcopy Training for Specialist Colposcopist

At the end of training, a trainee should

- a) understand the pathophysiology of the female lower genital tract;
- b) understand the indications for colposcopy;
- c) understand the patho-physiology of the human papillomavirus (HPV) infection as it relates to lower genital tract neoplasia;
- d) be able to identify the most atypical area of the transformation zone on the cervix as well as of the vagina and vulva;
- e) be able to perform colposcopy and directed biopsies at the worst areas;
- f) be able to manage periprocedural issues including patient preparation, instrument handling, and complications of the procedure;
- g) be able to manage and treat abnormal pre-invasive lower genital tract pathology and associated gynaecological diseases
- h) be able to provide follow-up advice;
- i) demonstrate compassionate and informative patient education and counseling skills.

### Entry requirement

Fellow or Member or registered trainee of the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists

### Training programme

The training programme is a trainer-led competency based structured theoretical and practical programme that involves all of the followings:-

1. 50 new cases under direct supervision with at least 15 with high grade neoplasia and 5 non-cervical lesions
2. 100 new cases under indirect supervision with at least 30 with high grade neoplasia and 10 non-cervical lesions
3. treat at least 20 cervical neoplasia under supervision
4. completion of the log book composing of all patients seen during the training period in consecutive sequence
5. presentation of 5 clinical commentaries including one on non-cervical lesion
6. at least 4 histopathological and cytopathological sessions

The maximum duration of training is 36 months.



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Assessment

1. Logbook: all colposcopic examination has to be logged in the logbook and verified by a trainer and assessed by an assessor. A sample of at least 10% of individual submissions will be referred to a second and independent assessor in order to facilitate an audit of quality.
2. Presentation of 5 clinical commentaries : The trainee must provide 5 commentaries of approximately 500-1000 words each which will detail the assessment and management of cases undertaken by the trainee. As well as demonstrating a knowledge of the cytological, colposcopic and histologic principles which direct management, the commentary should mention other issues (gynaecological, social, etc) which influence this process. References should be given when appropriate.
3. Histopathological and cytopathological sessions: These are an essential requirement for completion of training (4 sessions at least during training). The trainee should be aware of the practical problems of how specimens are processed and the day to day workings of the laboratory. A visit to a laboratory is important as part of the training. Evidence of these activities must be provided for assessment and verified by a trainer.

Certificate of training will be issued jointly by the HKSCCP and the HKCOG upon satisfactory completion of the training **and** attaining the status of FHKAM(O&G).

A fee of HKD 2000 for assessment should accompany the application.