



THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS
AND
THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR COLPOSCOPY AND CERVICAL PATHOLOGY



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 peri-procedural 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. Examine at least 50 cases under direct supervision with at least 10 with high grade neoplasia on histology and 5 non-cervical lesions including vulval lesions.
2. Examine at least 100 cases under indirect supervision with at least 20 with high grade neoplasia on histology and 10 non-cervical lesions including vulval 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.



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5. Completion of at least 2 Clinical Evaluation Exercises (CEX) while the trainee is under direct supervision. The first will be done during the first 25 cases as interim assessment and the second near the end of the first 50 cases as assessment of competence before proceeding to performing colposcopy under indirect supervision.
6. Completion of at least 5 Case-Based Discussions (CBD) during indirect supervision.
7. Completion of at least one each Objective Structured Assessment of Technical Skills (OSATS) to assess the trainee's capability to perform diagnostic colposcopy and LLETZ. More OSATS may be required until the trainee can perform these independently.
8. All trainees should be supervised by accredited colposcopy trainers. Any colposcopy examinations not supervised by an accredited colposcopy trainer will not be counted in the logbook.
9. Attend at least one basic colposcopy course AND at least one colposcopy CME-accredited clinical-pathological conference on cervical / lower genital tract pathology AND one laboratory visit or video virtual tour. The video virtual tour can be included in the basic colposcopy workshop run by the HKSCCP. The trainee should be aware of the practical problems of how specimens are processed and the day to day workings of the laboratory.

The maximum duration of training is 36 months. Application of accreditation should be made within 3 years of completion of training. Accreditation can only be granted to specialists in O&G.

Assessment

1. Logbook: all colposcopic examinations have to be logged in the logbook and verified by a trainer and assessed by an assessor.
2. Submission of completed forms for at least 2 CEXs, 5 CBDs, 1 OSATS for diagnostic colposcopy and 1 OSATS for LLETZ
3. Evidence of attendance of at least one basic colposcopy course, at least one clinical-pathological conference on cervical / lower genital tract pathology (CME accredited) and one laboratory visit or video virtual tour.

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 2400 for assessment should accompany the application.