



TRAINEE BULLETIN



December 2010

Message from the President

Dear Trainees,

Towards the end of a year, the College is looking back on the training of our specialists. With the introduction of the assessment tools from RCOG, assessment is more competent based than just on number. Competence is not just on performing the procedure in a correct manner but to fully understand the indications, precautions, risks and benefits. Nevertheless, performing a certain number of a procedure is still expected for certain skill in addition to competence assessment. Low forceps delivery is among one of those skills that in addition to competence, 30 deliveries are expected before becoming a qualified specialist. Since the College has decided that this skill should be maintained, it is essential for trainees to achieve competence before their exit to be a specialist. The recent refresher course on the teaching of low forceps organized by the College hopefully will help our trainers be able to teach better. On the other hand, trainees need to take the initiative to facilitate the learning.

Thanks to the effort of Dr. K.M. Chow, to ease your mind, Family Planning training will be offered to all trainees before their MRCOG examination.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the trainee representatives sitting in the College Education Committee in giving us feedback about your training. I am hoping to hear more voices from trainees, not just about the training, but about the College.

I have to thank our trainers despite the strain on manpower are still offering good learning experience to our trainees. For the trainees, your continuous enthusiasm in obstetrics and gynaecology would be the pushing force to keep the momentum in learning and to excel in your training. Your burning heart would be the driving force of the trainers and the future of obstetrics and gynaecology rely on you.

Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

***Hexan YS Ngan
President
HKCOG
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Information

MRCOG Part II Examination application

Training must be completed by the preceding 7 February for the March/May examination, or by the preceding 7 August for the September/November examination.

All candidates for the Part 2 examination must apply on the prescribed form for an assessment of their post-registration training and their eligibility to register for the examination. The form must reach the Examination Department of the Royal College by:

the preceding 1 October for the March/May examination, or the preceding 1 April for the September/November examination

Each application must be accompanied by: original certificates (or countersigned copies) confirming the nature, grade and dates of the appointments held from graduation/internship onwards. Please note that certificates must be on hospital headed paper signed by the Consultant-in-charge or Chairman of the Division. Candidates failing to provide the appropriate certificates will have their application returned.

On receiving notification of acceptance of eligibility or on applying for re-examination, the candidate shall, as

directed, submit the correct entry fee, in pounds sterling, which is to be received not later than:

20 December for the March/May examination, or 1 July for the September/November examination

Higher specialist training

As stipulated in the guidelines that "**Approval must be obtained from the College within 3 months of commencement of higher specialist training**", trainees would be advised to submit their applications for entrance into Higher Specialist Training together with the following documents to the Education Committee once they completed their basic training.

1. Application form
2. Logbooks:
 - Structured training logbook + Quantitative logbooks together with total summaries of clinical and extended experience (for trainees commencing O&G training on or after 1st July 1999)
 - New logbooks introduced since 2008 (for trainees commencing O&G training on or after 1st July 2008)
3. Formative and Summative assessment forms
4. Evidence on research activities, if applicable
5. Approval letter on elective training

Exit assessment

Below please find the time schedule for submission for July 2011 Exit Assessment onwards:

Documents to be submitted	Deadline for submission	
	January Exit Assessment	July Exit Assessment
1. Application form	last working day of preceding October	last working day of April
2. Application fee		
3. 20 cases summaries		
4. Attendance at Research Course		
5. Evidence of Research Work / Output		
6. Approval letter for Elective Training		
7. Approval letter for entrance into Higher Specialist Training		
8. Commentary and the log books for at least 18 months of Higher Specialist Training	last working day of preceding November	last working day of May
9. The fourth log book	within 1 st week of completion of higher training	within 1 st week of completion of higher training
10. Summary of experience		
11. Summative form		

Update on RCOG matters

From March 2011 onwards, the format of the Part 2 MRCOG written examination will change.

The **revised format** will be as follows from **March 2011**:

Question Type	Number of Questions	Proportion of Overall Marks
Short Answer Question (SAQ)	4	30%
Multiple Choice Question (MCQ)	240	30%
Extended Matching Question (EMQ)	90	40%

The revised format will entail candidates sitting three papers on the day of the Part 2 written examination:

Paper 1 (4 SAQs) – 105 minutes

Paper 2 (120 MCQs, 45 EMQs) – 135 minutes

Paper 3 (120 MCQs, 45 EMQs) – 135 minutes

***HKCOG 2011 Calendar for
Education, Training &
Examinations***

OSCE Revision Course
5-7 January 2011

HKCOG Postgraduate Seminar
20 March 2011 (Sunday)
13 November 2011 (Sunday)

**RCOG / HKCOG Part I
Examinations**
7 March 2011 (Monday)
5 September 2011 (Monday)

**RCOG / HKCOG Part II Written
Examinations**
8 March 2011 (Tuesday)
6 September 2011 (Tuesday)

**Conjunctive RCOG / HKCOG Part
II Oral Assessment Examinations**
9 May 2011 (Monday) in Singapore
14 November 2011 (Monday) in Hong
Kong

**HKCOG Structured Oral
Examinations**
4 April 2011 (Monday)
3 October 2011 (Monday)

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