

Training Newsletter July 2017

The Training Committee is delighted to introduce this first edition of the RCOphth Training Newsletter. We intend to make it a regular, twice-a-year publication and use it to keep you in touch with training news and developments.

Guidance on Induction for Ophthalmology

The Training Committee has produced a guidance document on recommended induction for OST1s. The guidance is available to download from the College website.

<https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/training/resources-and-support-for-trainees/>

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e-Portfolio

Work with the IT provider to improve the functionality of the system is ongoing. Points to note are below.

Educational Supervisor and College Tutor access will depend on trainees:

- keeping hospital details up to date after each rotation (via the Members' Area on the College website)
- keeping the My Details section (Relationships tab) up to date throughout the training

The stage of training at the start of the 2017-18 training period will remain one year behind until all 2016-17 outcome forms are received from Deaneries/trainees and manually closed by College staff.

The live recording of ARCP outcomes using the online system will be fully implemented in 2018 and only once all legacy ARCP records are in order. Trainees must check their own records and supply any missing forms to the College. Uploading documents to the Additional Resource tab without informing College staff will not suffice as there is no automatic alert mechanism.

All queries must be directed to portfolio@rcophth.ac.uk.

Cataract Surgery Guidance

The Training Committee has produced a guidance table for trainees and trainers on cataract surgery competences and their assessment. The guidance is available to download from the College website.

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Final year of Training: Consultant preparation and Trainee Selected Component (TSC) period

The Training Committee has agreed that the changes listed below will come into force on **1 August 2018**.

- TSCs must be no more than 6 months long

- must be undertaken during the latter part of ST6/early part ST7
- must only be undertaken by trainees who have passed their final examination
- must only be undertaken by trainees who are fully compliant with their curricular requirements for the stage of their training
- trainees are expected to come back to programme after their TSC to complete their ST7 curricular requirements
- trainees will only be allowed to do one TSC

Improving Feedback and Reflection to Improve Learning

The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges has produced a practical guide on feedback for trainees and trainers. The guide focuses on practical information for trainees and trainers on how trainee self-reflection, feedback from the trainer and trainer self-reflection can improve the performance and value of formative Workplace Based Assessments (WpBAs).

The guidance document is available to download from the College website (as well as the Academy website).

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Educational/Clinical Supervisor feedback forms

Local feedback mechanisms for supervisors improve the quality of reports. College ES and CS feedback template forms are available to download from the College website.

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CSR and ESR tips and recommendations

The Quality of Assessment Sub-committee has produced guidance outlining how to perform the function of reporting, as well as clarifying the mechanics of reporting. The document is available to download from the College website.

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Eye Logbook FAQs

A document has been produced trying to address the majority of common issues and areas of confusion. This document is available to download from the College website.

<https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/training/ost-information/logbook/>

Simulated Ocular Surgery Video Gallery

This is a College / AAO O.N.E. Network collaboration enabling trainees and trainers to share videos of their top tips and techniques for teaching surgery. The gallery was launched in June 2017 and includes videos on low-tech approaches for simulation as well as the artificial eyes. Please follow the link <http://simulatedocularsurgery.com>.



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