

CURRICULUM 2024 AMENDMENTS – IMPLEMENTATION NOTE NO. 14

Introduction

- This document is intended to summarise amendments which have been flagged up by Special Interest Area (SIA) experts after the implementation of Curriculum 2024. The Curriculum Sub-committee has ratified all changes as listed, which have recently received GMC approval. Their aim is to provide clarity to resident doctors and their supervisors.
- The revised Curriculum document, its accompanying syllabi and the Curriculum 2024 Handbook have been published on the dedicated area of the College [website](#).
- The Curriculum 2024 [microsite](#) and relevant assessment forms (both in electronic and Word format) have been updated to reflect the approved changes, where applicable.

Changes which affect some mandatory requirements at Levels 3 and 4

REQUIREMENT	SIA syllabi	CORRECTION
Ability to supervise and train in Cataract Surgery	Surgical SIAs Cornea and Ocular Surface Disease, Glaucoma and Vitreoretinal Surgery Level 4 syllabi incorrectly indicated that Level 4 supervision of another Level 4 was appropriate. This should have said Level 3 instead of 4.	The Level 4 descriptor now reads: "Supervise and provide objective assessment of other surgical competency at Level 3 (e.g. WpBAs such as DOPS or OSATS)"
Indirect laser to the retina procedure	Incorrectly listed as Level 3 requirement for Vitreoretinal Surgery	This procedure is typically reserved for those undergoing specialist training in vitreoretinal surgery and has been moved to Level 4
Botulinum toxin injections to extraocular muscles	Incorrectly listed as Level 3 requirement for Ocular Motility and Neuro-ophthalmology	This requirement has been moved from Level 3 to Level 4

Perform botulinum toxin therapy	Listed as Level 3 requirement for Neuro-ophthalmology	This descriptor has been replaced with: “Be familiar with the neuro-ophthalmic indications of botulinum toxin therapy”
DOPS Botulinum Injection	Incorrectly listed as a requirement for Paediatric Ophthalmology	This requirement has been removed from the Level 4 EPA form

Common descriptors for Level 2 SIAs

Some descriptors have been moved from the general area that applies to all SIAs to SIA-specific sections of this [syllabus](#).

Patient Safety and Quality Improvement syllabus

The descriptor “Undertake an audit of at least 50 consecutive cataract operations” has been removed from the Level 2 section of this [syllabus](#) as it is a Level 4 requirement, which is retained under the Cataract Surgery syllabus.

Curriculum 2024 document

The stipulation “could be integrated longitudinally across the entire training programme” has been added to the indicative training times for Urgent Eye Care and Community Ophthalmology, in addition to Cataract Surgery.

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