



THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF HONG KONG

GUIDELINES ON COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING PLAN FOR HIGHER SURGICAL TRAINEE

Higher Surgical Trainees (HSTs) are mandatorily required to complete the following requirements during their higher surgical training in the respective specialty.

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY BOARD

1. Procedure-Based Assessment

- Trainees are required to undergo **6 Procedure-Based Assessments** per year of training **effect from January 2015**. Proof of this should be kept in the trainees' logbook.

2. Training Plan

- **Commencing from January 2015**, Trainees are required to have a Training Plan signed off for each 6-month-period of training. Proof of this should be kept in the trainees' logbook.

Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery.

NEUROSURGERY BOARD

1. Procedure Based Competency Assessments

- Higher Surgical Trainees (HSTs) **admitted from 1 July 2015 onwards** must complete **2 Procedure-Based Assessments per annum** among their first three years of training:

1st year: (1) Burr Hole & Drainage (2) Ventriculo-peritoneal Shunt

2nd year: (1) Supratentorial craniotomy
(2) Laminectomy and Excision of Intradural Tumour

3rd year: (1) Retrosigmoid Craniotomy (2) Pterional Approach to ICA

- Trainees are required to submit the completed assessment forms to the Neurosurgery Board for vetting. Deadline for submission is on **1 October every year**. Announcement for submission deadline will be sent to higher surgical trainees via email. **CSHK will not take responsibility of the consequence if any message delivering to the email address which was provided by trainees cannot reach them or they fail to check their email regularly.**
- A certify letter will be issued to those trainees who have completed all PBA forms among their first three years of training.

Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Neurosurgery

UROLOGY BOARD

1. Practice Based Assessment (PBA) for the Certificate of Competency in Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Urological Skills

- Higher Surgical Trainees (HSTs) **admitted from 1 July 2010 onwards** are mandatorily required to complete the PBA requirements during their higher surgical training. The **minimum number of cases to be performed under proctoring as below:**

Operation/ Procedure	As first assistant	Under supervision	As Main Surgeon (without direct supervision)*
Transurethral Resection of the Prostate (TURP)	5 cases	5 cases	10 cases
Transurethral Resection of Bladder Tumour (TURBT)	5 cases	5 cases	10 cases
Rigid Ureteroscopy (URS)	5 cases	5 cases	5 cases
Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy (PCNL)	5 cases	5 cases	5 cases
Simple laparoscopic surgery	5 cases	3 cases	3 cases
Major laparoscopic surgery	5 cases	3 cases	3 cases

* Including 1-2 cases performed under Independent Assessment

- Trainees are required to submit a total of **6 Clinical Proctorship Records** and **6 Practice Based Assessment forms** to Urology Board for vetting, **i.e. 1 record form and 1 PBA form** are required for **EACH** type of the abovementioned procedures;
- Deadline for submission is **on 1 April and 1 October every year**. Announcement for submission deadline will be sent to higher surgical trainees via email. **CSHK will not take responsibility of the consequence if any message delivering to the email address which was provided by trainees cannot reach them or they fail to check their email regularly.**

Completion of the above is one of the requirements for the award of The Certificate of Competency in Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Skills in Urology, which is one of the eligibility criteria for application for Fellowship.

2. Training Plan

Higher Surgical Trainees (HSTs) **admitted from 1 July 2016 onwards** are required to have a Training Plan signed off for each agreed period of training with their Assigned Education Supervisor (AES) of the training centre. Proof of this should be submitted to the College Secretariat when the Training Plan is completed.