

THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF HONG KONG

Guidelines on Central Rotation of Higher Surgical Trainees in General Surgery

Basic Rotational requirement of HSTs in General Surgery

1. Rotated out of the parent training centre for at least one year.
2. Unless otherwise specified, each rotation of the parent centre should be at least 6 months. For cluster-based training programme, trainee should be rotated out of the parent training cluster for at least 6 months.
3. In the parent training centre, each trainee should rotate to different trainers every 6 months.
4. Each trainee should be exposed to at least 4 different trainers during the higher surgical training.

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1. It is not advisable for 1st year trainees to be rotated out of their parent training centres.
2. Trainees' rotation must be arranged by Central Rotation. Trainees could apply for swapping between one another after the allocation result is released, but their swapping must fulfil the stipulated requirement and submitted to the General Surgery Board for endorsement.
3. Program Director of GS Board and GS HST Training Supervisor of one of the training centres (by rotation in alphabetical order) will be responsible for arranging the rotation half yearly.
4. The 12 training centres are divided into Group A & Group B according to their no. of accredited HST posts. (HST post <10 - Group A, HST post \geq 10 - Group B)

Group A

Training Centre	Accredited HST posts	Rotation period to other training centres
CMC	5	2 years
PMH	9	1 year
RH	4	2.5 years
TKOH	5	2 years
YCH	5	2 years

Group B

Training Centre	Accredited HST posts	Rotation period to other training centres
KWH/OLMH	10	1 year
PWH/NDH/AHNH	18	1 year
PYNEH	10	1 year
QEH	13	1 year
QMH/HKSH/TWH	17	1 year (except HKSH 3.5 years)
TMH/POH/TSWH	13	1 year
UCH	10	1 year

5. At least one of the 6 month rotations must be rotation in a **Group B** Training Centre.
6. Program director of individual cluster / hospital would provide the number of posts available for rotation before the open application period.
7. Rotation application form must be submitted through program director of the respective cluster / hospital.
8. Program director of individual cluster / hospital will be responsible to deploy eligible GS HST to the rotation pool in early May & Nov every year with the submission of rotation application form.
9. The preference of the HST in the rotation application form will be taken into consideration during the allocation of rotation. However, there is no guarantee that trainees would be allocated to their preferred training centre.
10. Trainees should abide by the allocation result. Withdrawal of application after the stipulated deadline would generally not be allowed, unless it is impossible for the trainee to perform the rotation due to unexpected circumstances such as resignation or sickness.
11. There is no need for HST to submit application if he / she has already completed rotation requirement.
12. There is no need for HST to submit application if he / she chooses to stay in the parent hospital for the rotation period.