



# THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF HONG KONG

## **DEFINITION OF A TRAINER FOR SUBSPECIALTY TRAINING IN GENERAL SURGERY**

### **Guidance Principles**

1. Each accredited training centre/programme should have at least 1 full-time subspecialty trainer depending on the subspecialty. A full-time subspecialty trainer must have a full-time appointment of the institution.
2. One can claim trainer status in one subspecialty once only and the subspecialty status not can be altered unless he/she undergoes formal subspecialty training in another subspecialty if he/she wishes to be trainer in other subspecialty.
3. The subspecialty trainer's status is not quotable and should attach to the training center and would be removed if he/she had changed to other unit which was not an accredited training center.
4. Subspecialty trainer and training center were not limited to public hospital, but also apply to private hospital provided the concerned hospital could meet the criteria.
5. The Board of trainers would vet the log book of trainees regularly and determine whether the trainees have satisfied the criteria.
6. There is no cut off period for claiming trainer status. Applicants who wish to become a trainer must fulfill the minimum criteria set out by the CSHK (please refer to the document Minimum Criteria to Become a Trainer for Subspecialty Training in General Surgery). A completed application form, the applicant's c.v. and the relevant working schedule/timetable in a training centre must be submitted to the CSHK through the institution for vetting by the respective subspecialty group under the Task Force on Subspecialty Training in General Surgery from a Training Perspective and endorsement by the General Surgery Board, Education & Examination Committee and Council.
7. It is the responsibility of an institution to report to the CSHK concerning the appointment and resignation of a trainer from time to time for updating the CSHK's records.

**MINIMUM CRITERIA TO BECOME A TRAINER**  
**FOR SUBSPECIALTY TRAINING IN GENERAL SURGERY**

1. Practicing in an accredited training unit in that subspecialty which satisfied the requirement
2. Minimum 2 years after successfully completed the stipulated period of training and passing the fellowship examination organized by the CSHK or equivalent\*.
3. Actively practising in the chosen subspecialty
4. Not a trainer in any other subspecialty training programmes of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong.
5. Actively involved in training.
6. Two years of full-time practice\*\* in the chosen subspecialty immediately prior to application.

Note:

\* Please refer to the “Criteria for a Surgeon who does not possess the qualification of FHKAM(Surgery) to become a CSHK Trainer”.

\*\* Full-time practice = not less than 75% practice in the chosen subspecialty.

**CRITERIA FOR A FELLOW WHO HAS NOT UNDERGONE THE SUBSPECIALTY TRAINING  
TO BE SUBSPECIALTY TRAINER**

1. Fulfill the Minimum criteria to become Trainer for Subspecialty Training in General Surgery listed above.
2. Satisfy the specific training requirement for a trainee in the concerned subspecialty
3. He/she must provide log book or operation record statistics in past 1 or 2 years indicating that he/she has done operations a trainee required to complete, depending on the requirement for that subspecialty. The number of operations he/ she involved in the concerned subspecialty, no matter as supervisor, surgeons or assistant, could be counted.

**CRITERIA FOR A FELLOW WHO HAS UNDERGONE THE SUBSPECIALTY TRAINING  
TO BE SUBSPECIALTY TRAINER**

1. Fulfill the Minimum criteria to become Trainer for Subspecialty Training in General Surgery listed above.
2. He/ she must have 2-year post-subspecialty experience
3. He/she is actively involved in clinical practice in that subspecialty after completing the subspecialty training until becoming a trainer.

**CRITERIA FOR A SURGEON WHO DOES NOT POSSESS THE QUALIFICATION OF  
FHKAM (SURGERY) TO BECOME A CSHK TRAINER**

1. He/she must be a Fellow of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong and a Board Member of the General Surgery Board.
2. He/she must possess a post-fellowship qualification, which is currently recognised by the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, for at least two years.
3. He/she must be an active trainer in a reciprocal overseas college for at least six months before the application.