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From the SAC desk

Welcome to the spring newsletter from the OMFS SAC. The last SAC



Photo by Anja Maritz from Klagenfurt, Austria

meeting was held at the Royal College of Surgeons, London on the 5th March, 2019.

Through this newsletter, we hope trainees and trainers will keep abreast of the latest training related matters including curriculum update, TIG fellowships, the latest recruitment figures in the specialty and the OMFS SAC validated. Read

'The OMFS SAC still recommend validation of eelogbooks'



Curriculum update



The first stage purpose statement of the new OMFS curriculum has been approved by the GMC with some minor changes requested common to all the surgical curricula. The concept of assessment by the multi-consultant report of the achievement of the

Capabilities in Practice (CiP) outlined in the previous newsletter and at the 2018 BAOMS conference is agreed. There is now an area on ISCP for trainers and TPDs to test out the new concept and feedback to the ISCP group. Work will now begin on the more detailed work around the second phase and the OMFS syllabus and modules. In July, representatives from the specialty, including Training programme directors, Educational supervisors and trainees will meet with other stakeholders like the patient groups, employers and the ISCP team to further refine the curriculum.

eLogbook update again



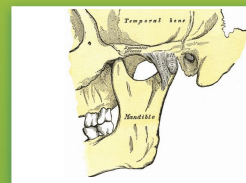
Validation of eLogbook was discussed again at the last SAC meeting. Whilst there has been a decision not to require validated logbooks for CCT, the

SAC recommend that trainees continue to validate logbook entries as other organisations (like private hospitals, GDC, Trusts) may insist on this requirement.

The eLogbook report tool has been updated as well to reflect the current indicative numbers for index procedures.

The JCST want a moratorium (for changes in the logbook indicative numbers as mentioned in the last OMFS SAC newsletter to be implemented) until the new curricula are submitted.

Special interest topics in the OMFS



There was a discussion in the last SAC meeting about exposure of trainees in 'special interest' topics of the curriculum which include cleft, craniofacial, TMJ and aesthetic surgery. Making cleft exposure mandatory had resulted in a positive response from trainees and therefore it was felt that trainees should have exposure in other 'special interest' areas of the curriculum too. The SAC chair has written to all TPDs to establish what formal training is currently available in TMJ and aesthetic surgery in their regions. The SAC is also in the process of making generic booklets for these four specialist areas of the curriculum to help trainees. When these booklets are ready, trainees will be able to download them from the trainee section of the BAOMS website.

FRCS exam results

10 out of 16 candidates passed (63%) section 1 of the FRCS in September 2018. 9 out of 12 candidates (75%) passed section 2 of the FRCS which was held at Oxford in March, 2019.

Therefore the current indicative numbers remain unchanged and are available from this link. [https://www.jcst.org/-/media/files/jcst/certification-guidelines-and-checklists/indicative-numbers--omfs-2017-final-\(1\).pdf](https://www.jcst.org/-/media/files/jcst/certification-guidelines-and-checklists/indicative-numbers--omfs-2017-final-(1).pdf)

The 'OMFS top tips 2019' for eelogbook use have been updated by Mr. Magennis and are available on the BAOMS website. https://www.baoms.org.uk/userfiles/pages/files/education_and_training/eelogbook_top_tips_march_2019.pdf

StR Induction course



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The national StR induction course is scheduled for the 9th-11th of October, 2019 at the Royal London Hospital, London. Being organised for the fourth time in a row by the SAC along with other OMFS consultants, the

course has been very helpful for newly recruited registrars in the past. This programme is deemed mandatory for all new ST3 trainees in the specialty. TPDs, AESs and CSs are requested to ensure all new StR trainees attend this course this year.

National recruitment

In the last ST1 and ST3 recruitment rounds in February, 2019, there were 18 appointable candidates for 7 ST1 positions and 19 appointable candidates to 24 ST3 posts. There will be quite a few vacancies at the ST3 level. The next recruitment round for OMFS will be in September, 2019.



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Indicative numbers

The indicative numbers for index surgical procedures were discussed again. Trainees in some regions had expressed concern about achieving the numbers (25) for parotid surgery. For the time being, the SAC has decided not to change the requirement for parotid surgery as salivary gland surgery is part of the core curriculum. Indicative numbers are also unable to change due to the ongoing work with the new curricula.

Study leave budget

The JCST and SAC in OMFS consider that some knowledge and capabilities are best gained through a taught course. These courses are categorised into 'mandated' and 'optional' sections both of which will be funded through study leave by Health Education England (HEE). The 'mandated' list includes Educational induction into specialty, ATLS, GCP, research methodology, medical/surgical education course and health service management course. The CCT requirements also mandate attendance at a minimum of 4 national or international conferences. Aspirational courses which enhance global skills beyond curriculum requirements will require TPD approval for study leave funding by HEE.



TIG fellowships



Advanced special interest training is available in interface posts for oral and maxillofacial surgery trainees. These include cleft lip and palate surgery, head and neck surgical oncology, reconstructive and aesthetic surgery and major trauma for OMFS. <https://www.jcst.org/training-interface-groups/>

Two OMFS trainees were successful in gaining Cleft TIG posts in the last round but there were no shortlisted OMFS applicants for H&N TIG positions this year. TIG fellowships are very competitive and the SAC advise that if you think you might be considering this training opportunity that you discuss this with your TPD and trainers as early as possible. In this way you can enhance your experience and portfolio. Mr Austen Smith (who represents OMFS in H&N oncology TIG fellowship) suggests, *'any trainee looking at their penultimate year checklist should add a separate decision check box and a list of preparations as to whether they intend to go for a TIG fellowship (of whatever flavour) as the competition is so intense that not being well prepared and in advance is suicide.'* Anyone thinking of undertaking a TIG fellowship is advised to attend the TIG fellowship one-day workshop run by Mr Alistair Smyth. It will be conducted on Friday, the 6th September, 2019. Interested trainees should contact Mr Alistair Smyth. (alistair.smyth@nhs.net)



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SAC meetings

There was a discussion whether the SAC should meet only twice a year. Currently, the plan is to have three meetings in a year and the next two meetings are on the 26th of June and the 7th of November, 2019.

OMFS curriculum

The most up to date version of the OMFS curriculum is available to download from the following link: https://www.gmc-uk.org/-/media/documents/omfs-inc_-trauma-tig_pdf-72601045.pdf.

Early certification

Provisional certification dates can be brought forward or extended, based on trainees' progression and competencies. Certification is not governed by duration of training, but determined solely by competence. The process for SAC support certification are described here. https://www.jcst.org/-/media/files/jcst/key-documents/early-certification-principles_final.pdf

E-Learning for Health (eLfH)

The BAOMS website now has some free e-learning resources for specialty trainees including modules that will tick the box for 'research methodology'. https://www.baoms.org.uk/professionals/education_training/e-learning_for_dcts_omfs_sts_free.aspx.