



### Criteria for Training Posts

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1. The posts must be in a surgical unit, under the charge of a Consultant Surgeon, who should have a commitment to training.
  - a) For membership training posts the hospital should have at least two surgeons, one of whom should have been in practice for at least five years.
  - b) For Fellowship training the posts may be in single consultant units but only one year under a single consultant may be counted for training.
2. There should be at least 200 major operations performed per year in the unit to which the post is attached, and there should be opportunity for the trainee to progress through surgical cases of increasing complexity.
3. The post should involve a regular weekly commitment to outpatient clinics and the trainee should see both review and new patients under supervision.
4. The Trainee should be responsible for taking emergency patients at least one day per week and should be involved in the initial assessment, investigation and treatment of acute surgical problems.\*
5. The post should involve a commitment to the care of seriously ill, high dependency patients, and training must be provided in the techniques of monitoring such patients.\*
6. The post should be in a hospital with Anaesthetic, Pathology, Bacteriology, Clinical Chemistry, Haematology, Blood Transfusion and Radiology services. Radiology services should be appropriate to the specialty, i.e. for general surgery there should be access to fluoroscopy for barium studies.\*
7. There should be a General Medical Unit responsible for the hospital and appropriate facilities for the care of critically ill surgical patients, including



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8. The Surgical Unit should hold meetings at least monthly with other Departments such as Radiology and Pathology. It would also be desirable to have educational activities such as grand rounds, journal clubs and tutorials. There should be a library with appropriate surgical texts.
9. There must be a regular audit of morbidity and mortality, at least every three months, and the Trainee must be involved in some aspect of clinical outcome assessment.
10. The College must be informed of any change in the hospital affecting the above criteria

\* For fellowship training in orthopaedics one year of the three may be in a unit that does not take emergencies. For these posts criteria 4, 5, and 7 need not apply.

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