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Dear Colleague

The Joint Royal Colleges' Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB) now has approval from PMETB for all of our specialty and sub-specialty curricula. These are published on the JRCPTB website (www.jrcptb.org.uk).

The curriculum for Core Medical Training (CMT) is made up of the Level 1 competencies from the General Internal Medicine (Acute Medicine) Curriculum and the Generic Curriculum. This curriculum will also be used by trainees pursuing a medical route on Acute Care Common Stem (ACCS) training.

Assessment strategies for all specialties have been submitted to PMETB and we have received conditional approval for the CMT element of assessment. In future RITA will be replaced by a similar process known as "Annual Review of Competence Progression" (ARCP). A "CMT ARCP Decision Aid" is available on the JRCPTB website giving a summary of what is required of CMT trainees at their 8, 16 and 23 month ARCPs.

All trainees will be expected to use the JRCPTB e-portfolio. This web-based portfolio will provide a record of progress through training and the acquisition of competencies, based on the relevant curricula. The e-portfolio includes facilities for direct recording of workplace based assessments, records of appraisal and ARCP outcomes.

It is primarily the trainee's responsibility to enter information into the e-portfolio but supervisors also have access to shared parts of the portfolio and have a responsibility to record appraisal outcomes and sign off the record of competence.

Access to the e-portfolio will be provided via deaneries, and JRCPTB is supporting deaneries to prepare for its implementation. The RCP (London) Education Department is providing training courses, centrally and locally, for supervisors, to help with the implementation of CMT and the e-portfolio. For information on dates and locations see www.rcplondon.ac.uk/event.

A big thank you to all members and fellows of our parent Colleges for their continuing support to our trainees during these difficult times of great change.

Yours faithfully



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