

**JOINT ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS TRAINING BOARD
(JRCPTB)**

**Annual Specialty Report for Dermatology to
The Postgraduate Medical Training Board (PMETB)
for August 2007 to July 2008**

1. Establishing Schools

The specialty is incorporated within Schools of Medicine

2. Triggered Visits

No triggered visits have been reported within the last year

3. Effect of changes to the specialty

Use of biological therapy will probably need to be included in the curriculum more specifically

4. Key concerns for the future of the specialty

There are no concerns reported for this specialty

5. RITAs/ARCPs. The following includes the responses we have received from the Heads of Specialist Training for this specialty

All trainees for this specialty have had successful RITAs/ARCPs. For the 192 trainees enrolled in Dermatology it was been reported that there was 1 RITA E which was repeated and the trainee awarded a RITA C 3 months later.

6. European Working Time Directive (EWTD): The following includes the responses we have received from the Heads of Specialist Training for this specialty

It was reported that all rotas are compliant. This is because these trainees are on band 2b on a 1 in 7 on call rota (24 hour shift) non-resident. It is very unusual to be called after 18.30 and exceptionally rare to be woken at night. They are usually out of the hospital by 19.30 on weekday on calls and at weekend are usually in for 1-2 hours per day

7. Training Programme Director Report information

We have not received these reports for every Deanery for this reporting period but intend to include the themes in subsequent reports. However, we have received various Education Committee meeting minutes which do not highlight any training or assessment concerns

8. Examinations

We do not have examination data available for this reporting period.

9. Assessments

Workplace based assessments for the medical specialties including Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPs), mini CEX, and Multisource Feedback (MSF) have been in place since 2005. Although there have been concerns within each specialty with regard to the time involved to complete these, their use has been widely encouraged so that PMETB standards are met. We continue to pilot further workplace based assessments.

10. e-portfolio

Pilots for the specialty e-portfolios have been completed and the eportfolio for Dermatology is now live and available for use by enrolled StRs. During the transition period trainees had been advised to complete paper records or to continue to use their CMT e-portfolio.