

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

**Annual Specialty Report for Endocrinology & Diabetes Mellitus to
The Postgraduate Medical Training Board (PMETB)
for August 2007 to July 2008**

1. Establishing Schools

The speciality falls firmly under the remit of Deanery Medicine Schools and it is understood these Medicine Schools are now established in most Deaneries

2. Triggered Visits

No triggered visits have been reported by the speciality

3. Effect of changes to the speciality

There is a move towards increasing delivery of diabetes care services into the community with more hospital based specialists having “sessions” in community settings. The need for trainees to be aware of, and understand, the NHS management structures around PCTs and delivery of care outside the hospital setting is being further addressed in the latest revisions to the curriculum and is a matter of on-going discussion for the SAC. There are new developments therapeutically in terms of insulin delivery systems, including pumps. Again this topic has been addressed in recent minor revisions to the training curriculum

4. Key concerns for the future of the speciality

Partly because of a shift in the pattern of delivery of diabetes care and more generally because of a tail off in consultant expansion there exists concern that there may be insufficient consultant posts to accommodate trainees gaining CCT. There is anecdotal evidence (accurate data are being actively accrued) that suggest that trainees in endo/diabetes are being appointed to acute medicine posts in Trusts, perhaps reflecting the relative paucity of consultant opportunities in the speciality

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

All trainees for this specialty have had successful RITAs/ARCPs. For the 393 trainees enrolled in Endocrinology & Diabetes Mellitus it was been reported that 1 RITA D and 1 RITA E have been issued.

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

EWTd remains problematic and a source of frustration for both trainees and trainers. One region reported that only 29% anticipated a smooth transition.

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 for this specialty which highlight no 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 pilots further workplace based assessments.

10. e-portfolio

Pilots for the specialty e-portfolios have been completed and the eportfolio for Endocrinology & Diabetes Mellitus 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.