

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

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

1. Establishing Schools

Nuclear Medicine had a pre-existing school run for us by King's College London. It was agreed by PMETB that this would be acceptable and the Post Graduate Diploma it offered in Nuclear Medicine would be acceptable as the KBA.

2. Triggered Visits

No, however we very much miss these visits and will be involved in a pilot lead by the UEMS to be involved in peer reviewed training visits in co-operation with groups representing European trainees.

3. Effect of changes to the specialty

The major advances were those of PET-CT and SPECT-C. These arrived just before the last revision of the curriculum so it has been decided that the present curriculum remains fit for purpose with minor alterations.

4. Key concerns for the future of the specialty

There is continuing concern about how to deliver effective KBA for those trainees joining from the Radiology CCT. A solution has been found but there is some disagreement between the training committee and KCL as to how training can be delivered but the problems are minor and should be solved within a year.

The quality assessments used for training by the RCP are not particularly suited for use in Nuclear Medicine though the 360degree has been a limited success (due to many departments being small and having few people to fill in the forms). The DOPS and CBD seem best suited to our specialty though we are looking at the new teaching and audit tools.

Long term issues include the future role of Nuclear Medicine in the UK related to very poor investment in both infra-structure and manpower allowing the UK to fall behind not only our European partners but many countries often considered to be third world. Per million population only Latvia and Ireland have fewer specialists than us in the EU. Trainees find it very difficult to get jobs and tend to leave the UK.

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 though no specific information has been received for the 16 trainees enrolled in Nuclear Medicine.

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

There have been no concerns reported for this specialty.

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..

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 will be available from April 2009. In the meantime, trainees have been advised to complete paper records or to continue to use their CMT e-portfolio.