

## Guidance for trainees on the 2014 Nuclear Medicine curriculum

### New training programme from August 2015

In the last 10 years there have been significant developments in hybrid imaging which combines functional imaging using radionuclides and radiological anatomic imaging (including SPECT/CT, PET/CT and PET/MR). The 2010 nuclear medicine curriculum was reviewed and rewritten in 2014 to ensure that nuclear medicine trainees would be equipped with the skills required to confidently interpret hybrid imaging studies, to review and interpret diagnostic imaging studies such as CT and MRI in patients undergoing radionuclide studies, and to present and discuss a broad range of imaging studies within multidisciplinary meetings.

Trainees entering nuclear medicine training from August 2015, plus trainees transferring from the 2010 curriculum, will undertake core level training in clinical radiology and complete the FRCR examination before further higher nuclear medicine training and completion of the Diploma in Nuclear Medicine. During the first three years of the six year programme trainees will spend 80% of their time in radiology and 20% in nuclear medicine, reverting to 20% radiology and 80% nuclear medicine in the final three years. The last year of training will include the opportunity to take on a specialised field of study in advanced nuclear medicine imaging techniques (PET/CT and PET/MR), paediatric nuclear medicine, therapeutic nuclear medicine or research.

The training pathway is summarised in appendix A.

### Training level

Nuclear medicine trainees will be appointed at ST3 level, and those transferring will be at a higher specialty training level. For the purpose of clinical reporting and within the RCR eportfolio trainees will be identified by both their training level in nuclear medicine and their training year in core radiology (eg ST3 nuclear medicine / year 1 core radiology).

### Enrolment and membership

New trainees will enrol with the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) and pay membership for the period of training in core radiology (three years). They will also need to enrol with JRCPTB at this time but will not pay the trainee fee until completion of core radiology. Trainees will pay for a total of five years of training in line with all physician trainees.

Trainees transferring to the new curriculum will also enrol with the RCR for the period of core radiology training. There will be an individual case review by the RCR and JRCTB to determine fee payments, taking into account fees already paid to the JRCPTB.

JRCPTB and RCR provide support to individual trainees in a number of ways including calculation of certificate of completion of training (CCT) dates, recognition of previous training, approval of out of programme (OOP) time, advice about curriculum and training processes, ePortfolio support and recommendation for CCT. JRCPTB will be responsible for trainee support for core medical training (CMT) and the last three years of nuclear medicine, including the recommendation for CCT to the GMC. RCR will be primarily responsible for trainee support for period of core radiology training.

Following successful completion of the Final FRCR examination, trainees will be entitled to continue as full, subscribing Fellows of the RCR throughout their career. This will be an individual choice which does not form part of any training requirement.

## Eportfolio

The following general guidance relates to use of an eportfolio to maintain evidence of training progression.

- Trainees will only be expected to maintain a single eportfolio during each period of training
- Both the RCR and JRCPTB currently use the same eportfolio system ([www.nhseportfolios.org](http://www.nhseportfolios.org))
- Core radiology training will be recorded in the RCR eportfolio and higher nuclear medicine (the final three years) in the JRCPTB eportfolio
- Trainees and supervisors will be given user roles for both the RCR and JRCPTB eportfolio for the duration of training, allowing them to switch between views with the same username and password
- Nuclear medicine programme directors will have access to the RCR eportfolio record to monitor progress and review ARCPs during core radiology training.

## Certification in Clinical Radiology

The 2014 curriculum was updated in October 2016 to correct the information regarding applying for certification in clinical radiology and trainees affected by this change were contacted by the GMC Specialist Applications team. The GMC will write to trainees when they complete their nuclear medicine training programme to ask if they would also like to apply for CESR in Clinical Radiology and trainees do not need to take any further action before then.

If you have any queries or feedback on this guidance please email [curriculum@jrcptb.org.uk](mailto:curriculum@jrcptb.org.uk).

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