(Re)certification in pathology - a reality or an illusion: Procedures in the United Kingdom

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Good Medical Practice

- make the care of your patient your first concern
- be competent and keep your professional knowledge and skills up to date
- take prompt action if you think patient safety is being compromised
- establish and maintain good partnerships with your patients and colleagues
- maintain trust in you and the profession by being open, honest and acting with integrity.
GMP

These principles determine:

• Histopathology training curriculum defines by the Royal College of Pathologists

• Consultant appraisal and revalidation
APPENDIX 3: A BRIEF ILLUSTRATIVE TIMETABLE OF HISTOPATHOLOGY TRAINING – IT SHOWS FIRST OPPORTUNITIES TO ENTER EACH STAGE ONLY AND WITHOUT A EXTENSION OF TRAINING OPTIONAL MODULES (THIS WILL VARY FROM TRAINEE TO TRAINEE)

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Histopathology Training

3 formal assessments (examinations which trainees have to pass):

• Year 1 Histopathology OSPE – end of month 12 (Stage A)
• FRCPath Part 1 examination (written exam) – month 14 or month 20 (Stage B/C)
• FRCPath Part 2 examination (practical exam) – month 39 or month 45 (Stage B/C)
Histopathology Training

Annual monitoring of progression through assessments completed by clinical/educational supervisors:

• case-based discussion (CbD)
• directly observed practical skills (DOPS)
• evaluation of clinical events (ECE)
• multi-source feedback (MSF) (minimum of 3 during training)
Guidance notes

Application for the Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR) through the Combined Programme (CP) route
Re-Certification for Consultants

Maintaining licence to practice as consultant pathologist requires all of the following:

• Participation in External Quality Assurance Schemes
• Maintenance of a CPD portfolio
• Annual Appraisal
  – Review of e portfolio of documents for evidence of satisfactory record of all GMP domains
  – Job plan
  – Personal development plan
  – EQA and CPD
• 5-yearly revalidation
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