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Specialty Specific Standards
BST General Internal Medicine
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Introduction

All hospital sites wishing to provide training for Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) BST GIM trainees will be required to achieve and maintain the accreditation standards detailed in this document. The Accreditation Office manages the process of inspecting and accrediting training sites.

1. SUPERVISION	
1.1	Each trainee must have an assigned trainer that has been approved by RCPI and is available to supervise clinical activities. Supervision should be commensurate with the trainee's level of experience.
1.2	Quarterly assessments must take place and be recorded on the trainee's ePortfolio.
1.3	Formal training meetings between the trainer and trainee must occur during each 3-month rotation. The trainer should meet with the trainee for goal setting at the beginning of the rotation and again at the end of rotation, with at least one Workplace Based Assessment (WBA) during the rotation.
1.4	A local training lead / Regional Programme Director will be assigned and available to trainees for guidance and mentoring.
1.4	The training site will support trainers in their training role, and will provide the time and resources required to allow them to meet their supervision requirements.
2. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE / CASE LOAD	
2.1	Trainees must gain adequate experience in procedures and skills throughout their training programme. The quantity and variety of the workload available to BST GIM trainees must be sufficient to meet the requirements detailed in the current RCPI BST GIM curriculum.
2.2	For accreditation to provide General Medicine training, each trainee must rotate through three of the following five specialties: <i>Cardiology, Respiratory Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Endocrinology and Gastroenterology</i> .
2.3	It is essential that there be adequate numbers and variations of patients attending the services provided.
2.4	Each rotation must be three months in duration and the programme must be 24 months in total.
2.5	A full programme must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 6 months spent outside of the metropolitan area • Time in a model 4 hospital <u>and</u> a model 3 or 2 hospital
2.6	Trainees must have the opportunity to partake in supervised ward rounds and consultations.
2.7	Trainees should participate in the on-call rota for a minimum of 18 months, as per local hospital and individual rotation requirements. This should involve a minimum of 12 months General Medical unselected call.
2.8	Formal consultant-led clinical handover of all patients admitted on-call must occur.
3. RESOURCES	
3.1	Trainees must have access to appropriate learning resources and facilities, including up-to-date medical literature and online journal access appropriate for General Medicine training.
3.2	Each trainee must have access to a designated workspace including a desk, telephone and IT facilities.
3.3	There must be facilities to support educational activities such as study areas and tutorial rooms.
4. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES	

4.1	The training site should provide access to formal training including; Lectures, tutorials and grand rounds and exam preparatory courses
4.2	Trainees should be provided with the opportunity to teach junior colleagues and undergraduates.
4.3	The site should provide opportunities for trainees to develop quality improvement/research interests on site or through affiliation with appropriate research institutions