Specialty: Otolaryngology (ENT)

GMC: WOS/462

Deanery sponsoring programme: West of Scotland
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Programme Type -
- Deanery-based or National: Deanery
- Specialty or Sub-specialty: Specialty

Date of GMC recent approval: August 2010

Associated Royal College / Faculty
Joint Committee on Surgical Training (JCST)

Web address
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Curriculum and Associated Assessment System
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Date programme information last updated August 2011

Recognised Programme Locations and Environments
This programme involves placements in some or all of these Health Boards and hospitals:

West of Scotland:
- Crosshouse Hospital
- Monklands DGH Airdrie
- Southern General Hospital Glasgow
- Royal Alexandra Hospital Paisley
- Royal Hospital for Sick Children Glasgow
- Victoria Infirmary Glasgow
- Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow
- Western Infirmary Glasgow
- Gartnavel General, Glasgow
- Glasgow Royal infirmary
- Wishaw DGH

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The ENT programme in the West of Scotland is held in high regard by local trainees. Within a reasonably tight geographical location they are exposed to the full and wide range of ENT procedures, ranging from simple grommets and tonsillectomies to the more advanced Skull base resections, Flaps for Head and Neck cancer, cochlear implantation and even "exit procedures" in Paediatrics. There is a high rate of Head and Neck malignancy in the West of Scotland and Multidisciplinary team management including maxillofacial and Plastic surgery input is the norm. The West of Scotland is seen as a single large rotation, giving trainees access to all subspecialty interests throughout their training period. The programme's commitment to quality training is seen in its high pass rate in the intercollegiate exam.

The ENT Specialty Training Committee has a dedicated research director. Each unit encourages research and participates in local and regional audits. There is also a well established teaching programme held monthly in Perth.
which all Scottish trainees attend. Anatomical dissection for all aspects of ENT is organized with formal teaching and supervision at the anatomy department. This is currently undergoing a major refurbishment to increase its function for the post graduate surgical trainee.

The type of training varies widely across posts, with the more extensive procedures available centrally, but the posts in the DGH hospitals are felt to be equally valuable for enhancing surgical and \textbf{ward management} skills. All units are friendly and have a strong ethos of making sure the trainee has a valuable and educational experience.

\textbf{Programme Descriptor submitted in 2009-2010}

The West of Scotland Training Programme in Otolaryngology offers a broad experience in all aspects of ENT practice. The programme involves periods of one year being spent at any of the participating Hospitals with a balance between district general hospital work and teaching hospital units with associated tertiary referral centres. The hospitals involved include Gartnavel General Hospital, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Stobhill Hospital and the Royal Infirmary, all of which are in Glasgow. Peripheral district general hospitals include the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley, Monklands and Wishaw Hospitals in Lanarkshire and Crosshouse Hospital in Ayrshire. All hospitals in the West of Scotland rotation are within easy commuting distance of Glasgow.

In the early years, exposure will be afforded to the wide spectrum of disorders that are likely to be encountered in ENT practice and as you progress through the training programme, you can expect to be exposed to more advanced pathology and surgery including head and neck oncology with complex reconstruction, neuro-otology and skull base surgery, advances paediatrics with exposure to airway reconstruction, cochlear implantation at the Scottish National Cochlear Implant Centre in Ayrshire and advanced rhinology and facial plastics.

At present there are 21 Trainees at various stages of training in this programme. This includes conventional SpRs all of whom are coming to the end of their training and newer style ST appointments. There are a number of trainees at all years and stages of training. These numbers will be reduced over the next few years with an increase in CT jobs. For the year 2012-13 there will also be 2 AMTF posts, one in Cochlear Implant / Skull Base and the other in Advance Rhinology.

In addition to having an Educational Supervisor, Trainees have access to the Research Director for the training programme. All Trainees are encouraged and indeed expected to perform audit and research leading to publication or presentation on a national basis. The West of Scotland has a significant reputation for research which is encouraged in all.

During the final years of training, Trainees would be expected to develop a sub-specialty interest which could either be pursued in the West of Scotland or if appropriate, post CCT training at a centre of excellence would be encouraged.

\textbf{How to apply}

http://www.scotmt.scot.nhs.uk/

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Quality of Training

GMC Trainee Survey Information (2011)  Link