Specialty: Plastic Surgery

GMC: EOS/496

Deanery sponsoring programme: East of Scotland
Postgraduate Dean: Professor Philip Cachia
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Programme Type -
- Deanery-based or National: National (All Scotland)
- Specialty or Sub-specialty: Specialty
Date of GMC recent approval: August 2010
Associated Royal College / Faculty: Joint Committee on Surgical Training
Web address: http://www.jcst.org/
Curriculum and Associated Assessment System: Link
Date programme information last updated: September 2011

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

Base Hospitals for the regional Plastic Surgery Units:

Aberdeen Plastic Surgery Unit, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary
Canniesburn Plastic Surgery Unit, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
Edinburgh Regional Plastic Unit, St John’s Hospital, Livingston
Tayside Regional Plastics Unit, Ninewells, Hospital, Dundee

All units have multiple commitments in peripheral hospitals.

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Programme Description
Plastic Surgery is a pan Scotland Training Programme. Plastic surgery is a fascinating specialty potentially covering all age groups and all anatomical regions. Conditions treated include: burns and trauma; tumour resection and reconstruction including skin and intra oral cancers; congenital conditions such as hand deformities, cleft lip and
palate and ear deformities; management of aesthetic problems such as breast aplasia and management of facial palsy. The specialty works closely with other disciplines for example in immediate breast reconstruction, perineal reconstruction and sarcoma work. Because of the width of the specialty there is considerable subspecialisation and trainees therefore rotate between two units midway through the programme (ST3-ST8) to ensure good exposure to the widest range of conditions and there management. Rotations try to cater for any developing subspecialty interests so are not decided at the start of the programme.

The Pan Scotland Plastic Surgery Training Programme offers training in the full range of Plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgery except major craniofacial procedures. There is excellent consultant supervision and over the years Scottish Plastic surgery has earned an international reputation for training, including in the field of microsurgery.

How to apply

For 2011, appointment to the programme at ST3 level will be by UK wide appointments panel. Currently core training is not fully implemented so CT or LAT level 1 and 2 appointments will be made in Scotland offering a good introduction to the specialty.

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

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Quality of Training

GMC Trainee Survey Information (2011) Link