

## Procedural Training Program Information Sheet

### Surgery Advanced Rural Skills Post (ARSP)

(Please Note: A surgery post is not expected to be available in northern NSW before 2010)

#### Specific accreditation requirements

Accreditation for ARSP's is through the Joint Consultative Committee in Surgery (JCCS) and is for a period of three years.

Approved training post is for 12 months and is designed for four attachments:

- general surgical unit
- orthopaedic surgical unit
- rural practice
- appropriate unit in a location where the registrar is likely to work.

The duration and form of each attachment is not specified, as attachments can be taken concurrently. Attachments and attachment learning content is negotiated between the trainee and supervisors. Trainees are expected to take on the roles and responsibilities of a junior surgical registrar.

#### Training supervision

Each post must have two supervisors, one surgical specialist and one rural GP supervisor. Trainees may be under the supervision of other staff in their day-to-day work activities.

One on one teaching should occur in the course of the training. Trainees should be encouraged to attend any educational sessions or programs offered to other staff. Trainees are expected to take responsibility for directing their own learning in the negotiated topics while engaged in unit activities.

Trainees are required to maintain clinical diaries which should be regularly reviewed with their supervisor. Trainees are required to undertake an EMST course as part of their training or establish a secure position with a future course.

#### Learning plans

To ensure that training needs are adequately covered each trainee should develop a learning plan in negotiation with their supervisors. Final plan contents need to include clear learning goals in regards to the ARSP curriculum. The learning plans should be agreed upon and signed by both supervisors and the trainee. It is suggested that reviews and appropriate modifications should be made on a regular basis.

## Curriculum

The curriculum is focussed on the areas of assessment, triage and management of common surgical conditions:

1. Management
  - 1.1. Initial assessment
  - 1.2. Management plans
  - 1.3. Post operative care & follow up
2. Common surgical conditions
  - 2.1. Recognition and appropriate management (full condition list is available in ARSP curriculum statement)
3. Common surgical skills and procedures
  - 3.1. Trauma skills
  - 3.2. Minor procedures
4. Common practices in surgical management

The curriculum list is a guide to the areas of surgical practice which should be considered for inclusion in the training programs. The determination of topic coverage should be negotiated and documented in the trainees' learning plan.

Note: Comprehensive ARSP curriculum statement and a learning plan proforma can be obtained by contacting the Program Coordinator T: 02 6681 5711 E: [bruceb@ncgpt.org.au](mailto:bruceb@ncgpt.org.au)

## Assessment

The assessment should be conducted primarily by the supervisors appointed at the beginning of the training.

Formative assessment is via weekly discussion between registrars and supervisors including review of the trainees' clinical diary and monitoring progress against the curriculum.

Summative assessment is to be performed towards the end of the training period. This includes the completion of a training report jointly by the two supervisors. Training report is based on:

- [unit attachment report](#)
- [30 minute viva](#)
- [five written case study reports for each attachment. Two case study reports from each attachment should be submitted to a panel of external moderators.](#)

**For more information about this program please contact program manager, Bruce Barling, or the director of training, Christine Ahern, on T: 02 6681 5711.**