

FAQs FOR FAMILY MEDICINE TRAINEESHIP

Q1) Would I be able to gain exemptions from the hospital postings or shorten my traineeship with the accreditation of my Pre-BST postings?

A1) All requests for accreditation of pre-BST postings will not be allowed. The Joint Committee on Family Medicine Training (JCFMT) will try to avoid posting trainees to departments which they have recently rotated through prior to BST.

Q2) Does the ruling of no more than 14 days of leave for any 6-mth posting still apply? Is medical and maternity leave included?

A2) Yes, the ruling still applies. The posting will be void if leave taken is more than 14 days for every 6-mth or two blocks of 3-mth postings. Only reservist and NS training are exempted. Medical and maternity leave are not exempted. Trainees who have exceeded the 14 days of leave would have to write in to the Committee to seek approval on the validity of the posting.

Q3) What is the eligibility criteria for taking the exams?

A3)

For trainees who started their traineeship before May 2007:

Trainee must fulfill 4 hospital postings and 1-year structured polyclinic posting during the 3 years and meet 75% attendance each for the 8 FMTP modules organized by CFPS.

(www.cfps.org.sg) Trainee must complete no less than 3 workshops out of a possible 4 for each of the 8 modules. The BCLS certificate is a pre-requisite for the examination as well.

For new trainees from May 2007 onwards:

Trainee must fulfil the 1 year compulsory postings, 6-month or two blocks of 3-month posting(s) in Medicine¹, 3-month posting in Surgery², a 3-month Elective³ posting and 6-month/1 year of polyclinic. Trainee must also meet 75% attendance for each of the 8 FMTP modules organized by CFPS. Trainee must complete no less than 3 workshops out of a possible 4 for each of the 8 modules. The BCLS certificate is a pre-requisite for the examination.

Q4) What are the other short courses/attachments I would have to attend?

A4) Trainee would be exposed to the following throughout the 3-year programme:

- a) Attachments to private GP clinics and School Health Services
- b) Short skills courses such as, Principles of Family Medicine & Practice Management Skills Course (P&P), Consultation, Communication & Counselling Skills Course (CCC), and Professionalism, Ethics & Law Skills Course (PEL).
- c) Combined teaching sessions conducted as a tripartite effort of the FM tutors from the two Polyclinic clusters, the University, and private practitioners.

¹ Medicine postings include departments of Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Renal medicine, Respiratory medicine, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Neurology, Rheumatology, Haematology, Oncology, and Family Medicine and Continuing Care.

² Surgical postings include departments of General Surgery and Orthopaedics.

³ Electives include postings to departments of Dermatology, ENT, Eye, O&G and Palliative Medicine, and Community Hospitals.

Q5) Who should I direct my queries and appeals to?

A6) Trainees should direct Examination queries to the Committee for Family Medicine c/o Division of Graduate Medical Studies. Please address all queries to Mr Spencer Tan at gsmtans@nus.edu.sg or 6516 7957.

For the all traineeship matters (eg MOPEX), please address all queries to the Joint Committee on Family Medicine Training (JCFMT) secretariat, Ms Yan Miaoru at miaoru@cfps.org.sg or Ms Jennifer Lau at jennifer@cfps.org.sg or 62230606.

N.B Please be reminded that it is the trainee's responsibility to ensure that all training requirements are met. Please check with the Secretariat if there are any doubts with regards to postings or other requirements. Thank You.

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