

Guidance for JCCA Registrars

The Joint Consultative Committee on Anaesthesia (JCCA) welcomes you to the training program to become a rural GP anaesthetist. The JCCA believes it is a challenging program to complete within 12 months, but that for the majority of registrars is enjoyable and rewarding.

The JCCA is a tripartite body, with members from the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM). It oversees the administration of the JCCA curriculum and provides letters of satisfactory completion of training for registrars who complete the requirements of the curriculum and are approved by their supervisors as being suitable for independent practice.

Rural and remote Australians benefit enormously from having GP Anaesthetists in their communities. The provision of anaesthesia for elective surgery closer to home is very beneficial, and the provision of emergency anaesthesia services including stabilisation for transfer of the critically ill makes their home-towns a much safer place.

It is challenging to train you in your role as GP Registrars up to the required standard in 12 months. The JCCA highly recommends the following to assist in this process:

- Registrars to read and be familiar with the most recent curriculum of the JCCA (6th Edition, 2020)
- Regular meetings with your supervisor(s) to ensure that you are 'on track' from an early stage with required reading and experience to meet the requirements of the curriculum. Seek feedback from your trainers often, preferably after every list, elective or emergency, to assist your learning and professional development.
- Ensure you complete three monthly reports documenting progress with your supervisor
- Early commencement of training in obstetric epidural placement so that you can attain the skills and sufficient volume of practice for independent practice at the end of 12 months
- Early focus on obtaining experience with paediatric cases so that you can have sufficient volume of practice as per the curriculum for endorsement down to least five years and above, and preferably down to three years and above where hospital caseload allows.
- If you are not considered by the supervising staff to be suitable for independent practice, then you will NOT be permitted to sit the final exam. The examination may only be completed once supervising staff consider you are clinically fit to practice alone, and it allows confirmation of certain aspects of knowledge base
 - Occasionally registrars need to extend their training time so that they can meet the standard for independent practice

If you are uncertain about any issues or need to discuss further, please feel free to contact your training supervisors or the [JCCA](#).

Training details:

A copy of the JCCA's curriculum and Training Regulations can be accessed via the [JCCA's website](#).

Please note the following information –

- All JCCA registrars will be required to maintain a [Log book](#) throughout their training. This log book will be needed to be reviewed by the supervisor at regular times throughout the training term. It will be assessed by the training supervisors as part of the end of training supervisors' report. Or if you prefer you can use the online log books of My Gas or Med Gas. These will still need to be signed off by the training supervisor as with the JCCA proforma.
- For the areas of anaesthesia practice to be covered during the training there should be a written statement setting out proposed coverage of content for the year of study, to be signed by the parties concerned. The content is subject to periodic review. At the very least, reviews should take place three monthly. Reviews should take into account factors such as the workloads and clinical exposure of the units to which the registrar is attached, the changing interests of the registrar, and the strengths and limitations of the registrar's work in anaesthesia procedures.
- The three case studies are assessed by the hospital supervisor/s and are not forwarded to the JCCA.
- The list of emergency medicine courses which can be completed as part of training (to be within the last four years) is –
 - Anaesthetic Crisis Resource Management (ACRM)
 - Emergency Life Support Course (ELS)
 - Rural Emergency Skills Training (REST)
 - Emergency Management of Anaesthetics Crises Course (EMAC).

Other courses may be considered by the JCCA upon application.

For registrars who have not completed the emergency medicine course prior to their training completion date advice of a secure position in a future course is to be advised. The certificate of satisfactory completion of the course is to be supplied to the JCCA within two weeks of completion. This regulation relates to the JCCA's training. If you intend to apply for the RACGP's FARGP or the FACRRM it is recommended that you contact the relevant college to enquire on regulations for completion of emergency medicine courses for application for these awards.

- The agreed paediatric policy is detailed on page 14. There are two levels of endorsement offered – to the age of five years and 3-5 years. For five years a registrar must have undertaken a minimum of 30 cases below the age of 10 years. For 3-5 years the registrar must have undertaken a further 20 cases in this age bracket, and needs to provide a log of a minimum of 50 cases in total. This documentation is to include evidence of a clinical attachment at a paediatrics hospital, and/or details of the specific training and experience identifying the lower age group, in order to demonstrate competency. For a registrar who cannot meet these requirements, a default age of 10 years will be applied.
- The scope of practice for general practitioners providing anaesthesia service will always be dependent upon the knowledge, skills and capabilities of the individual practitioner and subject to local infrastructure and jurisdictional credentialing.

- Towards the conclusion of your training your hospital supervisor will advise of the arrangements for the JCCA's exam. Copies of the reports on your training and the exam are considered by the JCCA for the issue of a letter of satisfactory completion of training.

Issue of the JCCA's letter of satisfactory completion of training

- An administration fee is due for the issue of the confirmation letter following successful completion of training. This is subject to the annual CPI increase @ 1 July. Registrars are invoiced for this amount upon the issue of a letter of satisfactory completion of training.
- Registrars should allow for 3-4 weeks for assessment of their training reports following completion of training.
- The currency of the JCCA's letter of satisfactory completion of training is dependent on completion of continuing professional development (CPD) requirements each triennium, commencing from the triennium following training.

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