

## GUIDANCE FOR JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON ANAESTHESIA (JCCA) TRAINING SUPERVISORS

The Joint Consultative Committee on Anaesthesia (JCCA) is very grateful for the role taken by supervisors in supervising registrars completing the curriculum to attain JCCA accreditation and to be endorsed as rural GP Anaesthetists.

The JCCA is a tripartite body, with members from each of RACGP, ACCRM and ANZCA. It oversees the administration of the JCCA curriculum and provides letters of endorsement 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 the GP Registrars up to the required standard in 12 months. The JCCA highly recommends the following to assist in this process:

- Supervisors to read and be familiar with the most recent curriculum statement of JCCA (6th Edition, 2020)
- Regular meetings with the registrar to ensure that they are 'on track' from an early stage with required reading and experience to meet the requirements of the curriculum.

*Experience guides us that many registrars do not realise until well into their training period how much work they need to do to safely meet the standard.*

- Ensure the three monthly reports documenting progress and any required remediation are completed in a timely manner.
- Early commencement of training in obstetric epidural placement so that they 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 they 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 case load allows.
- If a registrar is not considered by the supervising staff to be suitable for independent practice, then they should NOT be permitted to sit the final exam. The examination should only be completed once supervising staff consider the registrar is clinically fit to practice alone, and it allows confirmation of certain aspects of knowledge base.
  - *At times some registrars need additional training time to meet the standard*
  - *Occasionally some registrars are unable to meet the standard for independent practice and leave the program without completion of the examination.*

- If a supervisor is uncertain about any issues or need to discuss further, please feel free to contact members of the committee:
  - LINK to [curriculum](#)

Please discuss this with the JCCA at an early stage if there are any concerns.

The commitment by the training supervisors to improving the provision of healthcare in rural and remote Australia is acknowledged.

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