

OMAN MEDICAL SPECIALTY BOARD



INFORMATION BOOKLET

GENERAL SURGERY SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The practice of general surgery has evolved over the last three decades in the Sultanate of Oman in keeping with International standards and outcomes. The Scientific Committee for General Surgery under the auspices of Oman Medical Specialty Board has been delegated the responsibility of developing a new enhanced General Surgery Training Program. The approved training program will ensure in-depth knowledge, high standard of skills and attitudes essential for a surgeon and meet the Oman Medical Specialty Board's accreditation criteria and International standards.

Surgical Residency Training in Oman Medical Specialty Board provides the opportunity for a candidate to acquire a range of clinical and operative skills, which with time will allow the Trainee to perform as a competent independent Surgeon. The new program has been updated in such a way as to match our needs in Oman and to produce an independent surgeon.

The ultimate aim of the Scientific Committee for General Surgery is to improve the quality of General Surgery care throughout the country by developing and setting the professional and educational standards for the training and certification of General Surgery Specialists according to Oman Medical Specialty

Board criteria. The Scientific Committee for General Surgery and its four sub-committees (curriculum, accreditation, examination and progress & assessment) have evaluated residency programs in general surgery elsewhere in the world, and have restructured the new residency program to meet most of the requirements of future Omani General Surgeons. The Committee has approved 5 years as the duration needed to meet such requirements. The Trainee will proceed with graded responsibilities, knowledge and skills over these five years. There will be an interim assessment at each rotation and at the end of each year. External assessment and evaluation of the program will be obtained in keeping with other residency programs elsewhere in the globe. The Trainee will have to fulfill all the requirements set by the committee in order to proceed during his/her rotations and ultimately to finish his/her training, and be eligible for certification as a competent general surgeon.

The scientific committee for general surgery will ensure a smooth conduct of the program. And there will be a continuous reciprocal feedback and assessments from trainers to trainees and from trainees to trainers. The program will undergo periodical reviews and updates according to future needs.

Hope for the best to all... training package. The relevant documentation of the curriculum has been developed with reference to the curriculum recommended by the Royal College of Pathologists.

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NEW OMSB SURGICAL TRAINING PERIOD

New Surgery Scientific Committee
January 2007.

New Programme – General Surgery –
Sept. 2007

5 year Programme

Fellowship (subspecialty training)

Transitional Arrangements

VISION

We will strive to achieve excellence in surgical training and education and our programme will be recognized as one of the leading surgical training programmes in the region.

MISSION

* Dedicated to developing a structured general surgery residency training programme which provides opportunities for trainees to acquire in-depth knowledge, high standard of skills and attitudes essential for a general surgeon.

* Our goal is to produce at the end of the training an accredited, competent, independent general surgeon.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the training, trainees will be able to:

Assess and manage patients presenting or referred to surgeons.

Determine treatment options and treat patients.

Contribute to the continuity of patient care.

Plan for patient transfer and discharge

Communicate with patients, their family members, surgical team, healthcare professionals and specialist units.

GENERAL OUTLINE OF PROGRAMME

- Entry by interview
- 5 years structured residency training
- Appropriate supervision and progressive graded responsibilities
- Initial 2 years – Core Training, includes lecture series
- Rotations divided into blocks; block = 4 weeks total of 65 blocks
- General Surgery rotations = 37 blocks. Subspecialty rotations, electives & research = 28 blocks

SUMMARY OF CLINICAL ROTATIONS

Level	Component	No. of Blocks	Assessment
R1	Gen. Surgery	3	*In-training assessment (per block) *End of year examinations (MCQ)
	Gen. Surgery	2	
	Urology	2	
	Trauma Surgery	3	
	Gen. Surgery	1	
	Vascular Surgery	2	
R2	Gen. Surgery	4	*In-training assessment (per block) *End of year 2 examinations (MCQ + OSCE) (Accredited Examination)*
	I.C.U.	3	
	Surgical endoscopy	2	
	Pediatric Surgery	3	
	Elective	1	

SYLLABUS CONTENT

The **knowledge** level expected is indicated on the following four point scale :

1. knows of
2. knows basic concepts
3. knows generally
4. knows specifically and broadly

The **clinical skills and technical skills and procedures** are indicated on the following four point scale :

1. has observed
2. can do with assistance
3. can do whole but may need assistance
4. competent to do without assistance including complications

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