Table 1: Minimum requirements for accreditation of training

Clinical Materials		18-24 months accredited		30 months accredited
Basic	Trainer	1-2		2 or above
	In-patient caseload (complex/highly	75-100		120
	complex)			
	Respiratory related clinic, ie, asthma/sleep	2 sessions per week		2 sessions per week
	Spirometry	50 per year		100 per year
Special	Static lung volume/ DLCO/	Less than 24 months accreditation	available	24 per year
	Bronchoprovocation tests	may be granted in hospital with at		
	Flexible bronchoscopy	least 3 out of 4 of the services	20 per year	30 per year
	Polysomnography	(and/or inadequate caseload), as	50 per year	100 per year
	Pulmonary rehabilitation	judged by the College	available	available
	PICU	NA for <24months accreditation	mandatory	mandatory
	NICU	NA for <24months accreditation	preferable	mandatory
Advanced	Respiratory medicine related services			
	1. ENT surgery	NA		At least 3 out of 6
	2. Surgical services related to respiratory			
	tract (Maxillofacial/plastic/			
	Cardiac/Thoracic surgery/Spine/Paed)			
	3. Multidisciplinary aero-digestive tract			
	assessment and management program			
	4. Special lung function test (infant)			
	5. ECMO			
	6. Organ transplant			

Because of the hospital setup and nature of clinical practice, the training cannot be concentrated in a single aspect in a particular period. So, a stepwise hospital accreditation approach is adopted. Trainees having training in 18-24 months accredited hospital must complete the rest of their training in the 30 months accredited hospital and/or overseas respiratory center, as judged by the College/subspecialty board.