

Supplementary Document on Accreditation of Overseas Training

The College has noticed a trend of application for accreditation of overseas clinical attachment (as an observer) as part of the Higher Paediatric Training. While this may be due to reasons beyond the trainee's control, such as medical licence restrictions and medical insurance issues, the College is concerned that being an observer without hands-on experience and direct patient responsibility for too long a duration may not be beneficial to the trainee's training experience.

Therefore, other than the pre-requisite that such an application must be submitted with the supervisor's recommendation and the details of the training program and training centre prior to undertaking the overseas training, the Accreditation Committee has recommended and the Council has endorsed that overseas training has to be comparable to that provided in Hong Kong in terms of quality, scope and depth of direct clinical exposure. The Council at its 152nd Meeting on 25th September 2014 endorsed the guiding principle that if the overseas training program under application cannot provide training experience comparable to our local training programme, including hands-on patient care and on-call duties, the maximum period recognized should be capped at 3 months.

Trainees may wish to take this into consideration when planning and discussing the overseas training programme with their Training Supervisors. The arrangement applies to all new applications with effect from January 2015.

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