



8 April 2020

By email

To: All Chiefs of Service and Training Supervisors
Department of Paediatrics, Hospital Authority

Dear Colleagues,

Re: Expanded status for subspecialty trainers for concurrent training of general paediatric and subspecialty trainees

The revised “*Guidelines on Criteria for the Accreditation of a Paediatric Subspecialty Training Programme*” was approved by College Council with recommendation of the Committee for Subspecialty Boards (CSB) and subsequently by HKAM on 8 October 2019:

13.3.8.4 A trainer can supervise no more than two trainees either in the Subspecialty Training Programme or in the Higher Training Programme in Paediatrics at any one time.
**Applications to allow paediatric subspecialty trainers to supervise subspecialty and general paediatric trainees simultaneously may be approved by the College on a case-by-case basis.*

* Changes as *italic* shown above

Further proposal of the procedures and logistics were endorsed at the recent 185th Council Meeting of 31 March 2020 following consensus reached by the CSB and Accreditation Committee (AC). Salient points are extracted from the minutes of meeting as follows:

2.	Expanded Subspecialty Trainer Status
	A Subspecialty Trainer is usually allowed to supervise paediatric trainees in one of two combinations: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Up to three general paediatric Trainees (one higher plus two basic or one basic plus two higher)Up to two subspecialty trainees
	It is proposed that after assessment and approval by CSB and AC, a Subspecialty Trainer with expanded status is allowed to supervise trainees in one of three combinations:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Up to three general paediatric trainees (one higher plus two basic or one basic plus two higher)2. Up to two subspecialty trainees3. One general paediatric trainee (basic or higher) and one subspecialty trainee <p><i>Post meeting notes: The flexibility of retrospective application up to December 2019 is allowable (after the HKAM approval).</i></p>

We enclose below two documents regarding the application for your references:

- a) Procedure of application
- b) Template of application form

Should you have any query please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or Dr Simon Lam, Hon Secretary of CSB.

Best regards,



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- cc Dr Winnie Tse, President
Dr Wu Shun Ping, Chairperson, Accreditation Committee (AC)
Dr Mike Kwan, Hon Secretary, AC
Dr Simon Lam, Hon Secretary, Committee for Subspecialty Boards