

## Document 8

### **Guidelines for the admission of First Fellows in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM)**

1. Applications will be open to all existing FHKAM(Paediatrics) when the Subspecialty is approved by the College and the Academy.
2. Admission of First Fellows will span over a period of time but not to exceed 24 months from the date of establishment of the Subspecialty, when the training programme commences officially. No First Fellow will be admitted after the training programme has begun.
3. All First Fellows must be existing FHKAM(Paediatrics) and FHKCPaed.
4. First Fellows must fulfill EITHER ONE of the following criteria:
  - a. Has undergone full-time supervised training in PRM for 3 years in an overseas centre recognized for PRM training by the authority of that country.
  - b. Has undergone full-time supervised training in PRM for 3 months or more but less than 3 years in an overseas or local centre recognized for PRM training. The shortfall of the 3 years was made up for by a period of Good Independent Practice (GIP) in PRM of DOUBLE OR MORE of the shortfall.
5. Supervised training for First Fellows has to be conducted in PRM, with not more than 6 months in PICU and/or NICU.
6. Training in local centres will only be recognized if the training was done as a full-time member of the PRM team in a centre that is recognized/will be recognized to be a training centre for the proposed PRM programme.
7. The maximum period acceptable for supervised training in a local centre will not exceed 6 months.
8. GIP should be documented by the following:
  - a. The clinical workload (cases managed, procedures performed, specialty clinic sessions etc.) in PRM.
  - b. Relevant educational activities (lectures and presentations given, conferences attended etc.) in PRM.
  - c. Relevant research activities and publications in PRM.

- d. Participation in professional bodies in PRM.
  - e. Teaching in PRM for postgraduates and undergraduates.
9. GIP will be counted AFTER the completion of supervised training or the conferment of FHKCPaed, whichever is earlier.
  10. The ability to apply and interpret spirometry in children is mandatory, so is the ability to do flexible bronchoscopy in the paediatric population. For those potential First Fellows whose training was completed before 31 December 2005, when the first Bronchoscopy Course was organized in Hong Kong, a remedial course on bronchoscopy with an assessment will be organized by the Provisional Sub-specialty Board for them. Passing the assessment at the end of the course will render them eligible to apply to become First Fellows.
  11. All potential First Fellows will undergo an assessment conducted by the Assessment Committee in conjunction with the External Assessor appointed by the College to ensure that training and practice is comparable to that of the proposed programme in PRM.