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Purpose and Scope

This document outlines the progression expectations and requirements for Trainees in the Orthopaedic Surgical Education and Training (SET) program who commenced training in 2017 and who will transition to the AOA 21 Training Program in 2019.

This document should be read in conjunction with the *SET Assessment Policy and Process: Quarterly Assessment Reports (QAR)* and *Trainees Who Require Additional Support*.

Successful Completion of SET 1

1. In order to progress from SET 1 to SET 2, the Trainee must demonstrate:
 - 1.1. Satisfactory performance on four (4) QARs. Each QAR must be supported by:
 - 1.1.1. An AOA eLog with all surgical procedures recorded contemporaneously
 - 1.1.2. A minimum of one each of the following WBAs:
 - Patient Consultation Assessment (PCA)
 - Management Plan Assessment (MPA)
 - Surgical Skills Assessment (SSA)
 - 1.1.3. Regular Feedback Entries on the AOA Training App
 - 1.2. Completion of AOA Bone Camp
 - 1.3. Attendance at Bone School (where offered)

2. In order to complete SET 2, the Trainee must demonstrate:
 - 2.1. Satisfactory performance on four (4) QARs. Each QAR must be supported by:
 - 2.1.1. Satisfactory entries on AOA eLog
 - 2.1.2. A minimum of one each of the following WBAs:
 - Patient Consultation Assessment (PCA)
 - Management Plan Assessment (MPA)
 - Surgical Skills Assessment (SSA)
 - 2.1.3. Regular Feedback Entries on the AOA Training App
 - 2.2. 80% attendance at formal in-training activities. This includes (but is not limited to):
 - Bone School
 - In-training examinations (if provided)
 - 2.2.1. Rural trainees who anticipate they will have difficulty completing 80% attendance should seek formal adjustment of this requirement from the relevant RTC Chair
 - 2.3. Completion of the following aspects of their research requirement:
 - 2.3.1. Select a Research Pathway
 - If project pathway selected, submit a research proposal
 - If coursework pathway selected, indicate which course will be undertaken
 - If PhD pathway selected, submit an expression of interest in a PhD post
 - 2.4. Successful completion of the RACS Australia & New Zealand Surgical Skills Education & Training (ASSET) course
 - 2.5. Successful completion of the RACS Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient (CCrISP) course.
 - 2.6. Successful completion of the RACS Training in Professional Skills (TIPS) course
 - 2.7. Successful completion of the RACS Clinical Examination.
 - 2.7.1. The Trainee has two (2) years to complete the Clinical Examination. Trainees who do not complete the Clinical Examination within two (2) years of SET commencement will be dismissed from the program.
 - 2.7.2. Successful completion of the Clinical Examination is a prerequisite to sitting the OPBS.
 - 2.8. Successful completion of the Orthopaedic Principles and Basic Science (OPBS) Examination.
 - 2.8.1. The OPBS must be completed by the second available sitting in the third year of training.

- 2.8.2. Trainees may make a maximum of four (4) attempts at the OPBS. Trainees who do not complete the OPBS within four (4) attempts and/or by the second available sitting in the third year of training will be dismissed from the program.
- 2.8.3. Trainees who have not passed the OPBS by the end of 2018 will need to transition into Introduction to Orthopaedics rather than Core Orthopaedics.
- 2.8.4. Successful completion of the Clinical Examination is a prerequisite to sitting the OPBS.

Please see www.surgeons.org for application procedures for the OPBS, Clinical Examination, ASSET, CCriSP, and TIPS Courses

- 2.9. Training Program Requirements outlined at items 3.4 – 3.8 may be completed prior to SET 2.

Feedback and Assessment in SET 1 & 2

3. During SET 1 & 2 the Trainee:
 - 3.1. Should work towards having a minimum of one Surgical Skills Assessment (SSA) that indicates a score of three on the global scale, for the following procedures, prior to transitioning to Core Orthopaedics:
 - Internal fixation of a distal radial fracture
 - Internal fixation of a proximal femoral fracture
 - Internal fixation of the radial and ulna shafts
 - Internal fixation of a Weber C and bi-malleolar fracture
 - Tension band wiring of the olecranon or patella
 - Hemiarthroplasty of a hip
 - Intramedullary nailing of a femoral or tibial shaft fractures
 - External fixation of a fracture or dislocation
 - 3.2. May collect evidence to demonstrate competence with regard to *Orthopaedic Modules* for presentation during Core Orthopaedics. Refer to *AOA 21 Training Program Requirements*

Progression to AOA 21 Training Program

4. For the 2019 training year, Trainees in the 2017 intake will transition from their current SET level to either the Introduction to Orthopaedics or Core Orthopaedics Stage of the AOA 21 Training Program.
5. In order to transition to Core Orthopaedics, the Trainee must demonstrate successful completion of SET 2.
6. Where successful completion of SET 2 has not been demonstrated, the Trainee will transition into Introduction to Orthopaedics.

7. The Trainee's progress will be reviewed from the end of the third 3-month training period in 2018. The Trainee must continue to actively participate in SET 2 while the review is in progress.
8. The Chair of Education and Training will assess the Trainee's portfolio to ascertain if there is evidence sufficient to demonstrate successful completion of the requirements of SET 2.

Transition from SET 1 and 2 to Introduction to Orthopaedics

9. Where successful completion of SET 2 has not been demonstrated, the Trainee will transition into Introduction to Orthopaedics.
10. During Introduction to Orthopaedics, the Trainee must:
 - 10.1. Complete any outstanding SET 1 and 2 **Education, Research** and **Exam** Requirements
 - 10.2. Complete any outstanding Training Program Requirements for Introduction to Orthopaedics

Progression from Introduction to Orthopaedics to Core Orthopaedics (following SET 1 and 2)

11. Trainees in the 2017 intake who have transitioned into Introduction to Orthopaedics may present for the Introduction to Orthopaedics Stage Review following:
 - 11.1. Completion of any outstanding SET 1 and 2 **Education, Research** and **Exam** Requirements
 - 11.2. Completion of Introduction to Orthopaedics Training Program Requirements (excluding Training Time)
 - 11.3. An overall rating of 'Progressing Well' on the most recent Performance Appraisal form
 - 11.4. Assessment by their Director of Training on a Progress Review Form that the trainee has completed the minimum requirements for the stage
12. For further information regarding the Stage Review please refer to the AOA 21 Stage Progression Requirements
13. The Trainee will have a maximum of one (1) year to complete Introduction to Orthopaedics. Trainees who do not complete Introduction to Orthopaedics within one (1) year will be dismissed from the program.

Core Orthopaedics and Transition to Practice

14. Once Trainees in the 2017 intake progress to Core Orthopaedics, they will have the same Training Program and Stage Progression Requirements as trainees commencing from 2018 onwards. Please refer to the *AOA 21 Training Program Requirements* and *AOA 21 Stage Progression Requirements* for further information.
15. Trainees must complete Core Orthopaedics within seven (7) years from commencement of training in 2017. A Trainee who has not satisfactorily completed all Core Orthopaedics requirements by the end of this period will be dismissed from the program.
16. The maximum period of completion for the training program is nine years from commencement of training in 2017. A Trainee who has not satisfactorily completed all training program requirements by the end of this period will be dismissed from the program.
17. Please refer to the *Flexible Training Policy* for information on how flexible training arrangements may impact on maximum training time frames.

Requirement to Sit the Fellowship Examination

18. Trainees in the 2017 intake will have the same eligibility requirements as trainees commencing from 2018 onwards with regard to applying to sit the Fellowship Examination. The Fellowship Examination is a requirement of the Core Orthopaedics stage. Please refer to the *AOA 21 Training Program Requirements*