



JOINT COMMITTEE ON HIGHER SURGICAL TRAINING

VACANCIES FOR MEMBERS ON THE SPECIALIST ADVISORY COMMITTEES (SAC)

The JCHST is responsible for the professional regulation of higher surgical training (HST) in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. It is organised on a Committee structure with the JCHST being the parent body responsible for the policy issues, delegating the regulation of each surgical specialty to its sub committees, SACs. The JCHST are looking for practicing NHS Consultants who are committed to training and would like to make a real contribution to the improvement of HST in the following surgical specialties:

- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- General Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Paediatric Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery
- Urology

The work undertaken by the SACs includes:

- Setting standards for the specialist training of surgeons, on behalf of the certifying authority (STA) *
- Recommending trainees for the award of the CCST/ CSD
- Assisting with the construction of a curriculum for specialty training
- Providing advice to Regional Postgraduate Deans, via their respective Regional Training Committees
- Providing advice and guidance to trainees and trainers and supporting the network of Programme Directors (local training supervisors)
- Inspecting training posts and making recommendations regarding suitability for training
- Assessing individuals who have trained overseas and who wish to work as a consultant in the UK.

All those appointed should have the following skills and experience:

- A strong personal commitment to the NHS
- Active or very recent experience as a surgical trainer
- Experience of administration/management of training at regional committee level or equivalent
- Knowledge of the Calman (SpR, RITA etc) system of specialty training
- Have attended a training the trainers course or undertake one in the first year of appointment

The meetings of the SACs are held in London (4-5 times per year) and travel expenses to SAC meetings are paid by the Hospital Trust where the representative works. Membership on the SAC is for a period of five years. If you are interested and would like to find out more or complete an application please visit the JCHST website www.jchst.org/sac_members/

* The STA is due to be replaced by the PMETB during September 2005