



The Faculty of Clinical Oncology

Roles and Responsibilities of Training Consultants in Education

All consultants who have trainees working with them will act as Training Consultants. Trainees may only work with consultants who are able to act as training consultants.

There must be a named clinical supervisor for each tumour site specific aspect of a clinical attachment. The role of clinical supervisor may only be undertaken by consultants who are appropriately trained. Where a trainee is working with more than one consultant covering the same tumour site, only one of these consultants will act as the clinical supervisor and other consultants will act as training consultants. If there is no trained clinical supervisor available for a clinical attachment, the responsibilities for clinical supervision should be undertaken by the trainee's educational supervisor.

The arrangements for supervision should be agreed with the educational supervisor, clinical supervisor and the trainee concerned. The duration of responsibility should be defined at the beginning of the period.

The Training Consultant's responsibilities are to:

- Ensure that the work that the trainee undertakes with the consultant's patients is adequately supervised at all times
- Agree with the trainee after liaising with the trainee's clinical and/or educational supervisor:
 - which learning objectives should be achieved during the attachment
 - how the learning objectives for the attachment might be achieved
 - how achievement of the learning objectives will be identified, e.g. which Workplace Based Assessments (WpBA) should be undertaken
- Ensure that the trainee has opportunities to meet the identified learning objectives
- Be trained to perform and undertake WpBA
- Give timely feedback on the registrar's performance to:
 - the trainee
 - the trainee's clinical supervisor
- Raise any concerns about the trainee's performance with the trainee's clinical and educational supervisors.

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