

Faculty of Radiologists

Radiation Oncology Summative Assessments and Progression Criteria

Please refer to section 13 for special provisions for trainees who were in the scheme during the COVID 19 pandemic of 2020.

These apply to SpRs under the new rules and regulations training program scheme.

A training year extends from July to end of June of the following year. Progression to the following year will be decided at the individual annual Faculty SpR assessment, usually taking place in June

Radiation Oncology:

1. In 1st year of training, SpRs must attend the required Primary FFRC SI lecture course, tutorials and workshops.
2. Progression from 1st year to 2nd year will be based on individual SpR assessment by the local hospital training coordinator, and reviewed and validated at the annual Faculty individual SpR assessment (see paragraph 12).
3. A candidate in the training programme of the Faculty of Radiologists cannot sit the Primary FFRC SI exam until completion of the Primary FFRC SI teaching program (see paragraph 1).
4. A candidate in the training programme of the Faculty of Radiologists cannot be fully accredited for the 2nd year of training until he/she has passed the Primary FFRC SI examination . If he/she pass their attempt at the Autumn examination session of chronological year 3 of training, he or she will move into 3rd year with the starting cohort (from July of the same year). If he/she has not passed the Primary FFRC SI by the 1st quarter of his/her 3rd chronological year, she or he must repeat 2nd year (starting from July and ending in June of the following year) with the new cohort of 2nd year SpRs. With a maximum period of 4 years from starting the scheme to complete the Primary FFRC SI (allowing 4 potential exam sittings to complete the Primary FFRC SI).
5. In 3rd year of training, SpRs must attend the required Final FFRC SI lecture course, tutorials and workshops.
6. A candidate in the training programme of the Faculty of Radiologists cannot sit the Final FFRC SI Written-Part A (SBA papers) until completion of the Final FFRC SI teaching program.
7. Progression from 3rd year to 4th year will be based on individual SpR assessment by the local hospital training coordinator assessment, and reviewed and validated at the annual Faculty individual SpR assessment (see paragraph 12).
8. A candidate in the training programme of the Faculty of Radiologists cannot be fully accredited for the 4th year of training until she/she has passed the Final FFRC SI Oral-Part B(practical test of radiation planning ability or clinical stations, and an oral examination in Radiotherapy and Oncology). If she or he passes his/her attempt at the Autumn examination session of chronological year 4 of training, he/she will move into 5th year with the starting cohort (from July of the same year, If he/she has not passed the Final FFRC SI (oral Part B) by 1st quarter of her or his 5th year he/she must repeat her/his 4th year (starting from July of the year and ending in June of the following year) with the new cohort of the 4th year SpRs.

9. SpRs not accredited for a year of training, because of examination or competency assessment failure, will have to repeat a full year (from July to June of the following year) do not need to repeat exams/lecture courses for which he/she have obtained credit. The planned CCST date of SpRs not accredited for a year of training or competency failure will therefore be postponed by 12 months.
10. All attempts at the Final FFRC SI examination must be made within nine year's equivalent full time training of the date of commencing training in Radiation Oncology in an approved training scheme.
11. At completion of the Radiation Oncology training scheme, an SpR should have knowledge and clinical experience in all major tumour subtypes and the main specialised radiotherapy techniques (brachytherapy, stereotactic radiotherapy) documented in his/her logbook and validated at the individual Faculty Annual individual assessment.
12. Progression through the training years will take into account the examination results (when applicable, 2nd to 3rd year and 4th to 5th year) and the level of competency demonstrated by the SpR (applicable to all years, evaluated by the local hospital and National Training Co-ordinator).
13. Candidates in Training during the COVID 19 Pandemic of 2020
 - a. As there was no Part 2 (or Final) examination held in spring 2020, all candidates may proceed from Fourth year to fifth year provided there is a satisfactory end of year 4 assessment at time of 2020 annual Faculty review.
 - b. Part 2 (or Final) candidates that fail the subsequent Part 2 (or Final) examination in Autumn 2020 should be referred to the FAC which may decide that those candidates may continue as fifth years or should repeat the fifth year depending on the assessment by the Local and National Training Coordinators
 - c. Any Radiation Oncology SpR who is transferred or redeployed to another clinical service during the COVID 19 pandemic emergency shall have the latter time period counted as Radiation Oncology training for the purposes of calculation of accredited training.

