What is ACCS

- Acute Care Common Stem
- Designed to provide junior doctors with the necessary experience and skills to begin the management of any ill or injured patient
What is ACCS?

- It is currently a 2 year programme involving the 4 specialities of:
  - Anaesthetics
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Intensive Care Medicine
  - General Medicine
And after the 2 years

- After successful progression through the 2 year programme:

- A further year is spent at SHO level in the chosen speciality
Is ACCS a career?

- The ACCS programme is only a core training programme for:

  - ALL wishing a career in Emergency Medicine

  - Anaesthetic trainees who desire some experience outside Anaesthesia and wish to dual accredit in ICM
Is ACCS a career?

- For trainees wishing to do Intensive Care Medicine especially if they wish to do this with a non-anaesthetic background.

- For trainees wishing to do Acute Medicine and have greater critical care skills.
ACCS (? Which speciality)

- In Wessex as well as other Deaneries, applicants must choose a base speciality within the ACCS programme eg
  - ACCS (Anaesthetics) or
  - ACCS (Emergency Medicine) or
  - ACCS (Acute Medicine)
The third year

- Hopefully by early next year PMETB would have agreed that ACCS is a 3 year programme:

- For Anaesthetics – 3rd year spent as a CT2 in pure Anaesthesia

- For EM – 3rd year spent doing Paediatric EM and musculoskeletal trauma during general EM
For Acute Medicine, 3rd year spent doing a further 12 months of Medical specialities.

After a successful 3 years, trainees would then apply to their respective higher training programmes:

- ST3 for Anaesthetics – further 4 years
- ST4 for EM – further 3 years
- ST3 for Acute Medicine – further 3 or 4 years
Can you change your speciality?

- Generally not BUT if another trainee in the same programme also wishes to change into a different speciality a swap would be possible.

- Alternatively, if a vacancy came up at CT2/3 level in that speciality this would also allow a change.
But if I don’t know what I want to do?

- This is expected as ACCS becomes increasingly filled with trainees just finishing F2

- As trainees get exposed to the different specialities one would expect some people to change their minds – we would help find what is right!
Further information

- National ACCS website - [www.accsuk.org.uk](http://www.accsuk.org.uk)

- Our programme has a Programme Director for each of the specialities to provide career advice to trainees