Revalidation Guidance for Doctors in Training Undertaking OOP(R)

Whilst you are undertaking your period of Out of Programme (Research) you will need to consider the evidence that you are collecting to support your eventual revalidation.

You may or may not be able to count some of your research time towards your certificate of completion of training (CCT) but the evidence required for revalidation will not change.

As a doctor in training your revalidation due date is linked to your expected CCT and the length of your training programme. Whilst your revalidation date may be changed to reflect your CCT if it is extended you will still need to be able to demonstrate your continued fitness to practise over the whole revalidation cycle.

The Postgraduate Dean as Responsible Officer (RO) for doctors in training in Wessex has decided that in order to satisfy the evidence requirements for revalidation you will need to do the following, on at least an annual basis:

- Be aware of and abide by the GMC Guidance on Good Practice in Research:  

- Complete the educational and assessment paperwork recommended by the Academy of Medical Sciences, this includes a learning plan as well as the significant research outputs achieved during a research project or placement.  
  [http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk/intetacatrain/acfinfo](http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk/intetacatrain/acfinfo)

- Have a complete supervisor’s report for each period/post of research.

- Submit evidence for ARCP/RITA reviews and attend on an annual basis as directed by your Training Programme Director. Your ARCP/RITA date will be set in advance and you should expect to be required to attend.

- Retain evidence of your ongoing satisfaction of the GMC domains across your entire scope of practise including locum and out of hours work.

The main thing to remember whilst you are out of programme is that you will need to provide cumulative evidence to support your revalidation and all aspects of your practise as a doctor must be accounted for.

You are also required to maintain contact with your specialty training programme, depending upon how it is managed in your specialty this may be a College Tutor, Educational Supervisor, Training Programme Director, or Programme Management Team.

You may also be required to attend and/or participate in certain parts of the training programme each year, your TPD should make you aware of these requirements when authorising your OOP(R), similarly your specialty may require you to continue with progress against membership examinations. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are fulfilling all of the requirements of your specialty training programme.
**Return to Training Scheme**

Wessex Deanery has developed a Return to Training Scheme based upon the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges guidance on returning to medical practice after a period of absence. You will need to ensure that you are following this process which includes meeting with your training programme director prior to leaving the programme.

Whilst your research work may involve continuation of some or all of your clinical duties it is important to remember that this scheme is designed to support you in returning to your training programme and “day to day” work in a structured way. Further information on the scheme can be found on the Wessex Deanery website: [http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/policies__procedures/return_to_training_scheme.aspx](http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/policies__procedures/return_to_training_scheme.aspx)

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1 The GMC domains must be satisfied over each revalidation cycle, not necessarily in each year; domains 3 and 6 should be addressed directly wherever appropriate. These must be demonstrated across your entire scope of practice.