



## Sharing On

Basic Surgical Training Curriculum

And



# Conjoint Selection Exercise For Admission To Higher Surgical Training









## Basic Surgical Training

1 Rotation

Competency assessment in Workplace

**3** Mandatory courses

4 CME/training points

**5** HKICBSC Assessment Form



### 1. Rotation



- HKICBSC requirement for BST training
  - > 1 year Core Training in General Surgery & Emergency Surgery
    - General Surgery 6 months &
    - ◆ Emergency Surgery 6 months
  - > 1 year of Surgical Specialties or Subspecialties
  - No specialty more than 1 year
  - At least 3 specialties in 2 years of training



### NO SINGLE SPECIALTY > 1 YEAR

#### **AT LEAST 3 SPECIALTIES**

Term 1	Term 2		Term 3		Term 4		Revised
GS	G	S	ANY 1		AN	IY 2	✓
GS	O	T	OT		ANY		✓
GS	OT		NS		URO		✓
GS	UR	O	UR	O	El	NT	✓
GS	PS	ICU	UR	O	NS	CTS	✓
GS	PS	AED	AED	URO	CTS	ENT	✓
GS	PS	ENT	UR	0	NS	CTS	×
GS	PS	ICU	Pl S	Uro	NS	CTS	×

Counted as emergency surgery training (at least 6 months)

## 2. Competency Assessment in Workplace

BST admitted between July 2016 to December 2018	BST admitted in and after January 2019	
2 clinical evaluation exercise [mini-CEX]	• 4 mini-CEX	
6 Surgical direct observation procedural skill	• 6 DOPS_Surg, 2 DOPS_Endo	
[DOPS_Surg]	• 4 Case based discussion [CBD]	
2 Endoscopic direct observation procedural skill	• At least 1 mini-CEX, 2 DOPS, 1 CBD	
[DOPS_Endo]	every 6 months	
At least 1 DOPS every 3 months & at least 1 mini-		
CEX every 12 months		

- Submit every 6 months with College assessment form
- New forms after January 2019
- Assessed by Trainers or above (AC or above before January 2019)
- Can submit more than minimal requirement

## 2. Competency Assessment in Workplace

- MUST COMPLETE BY
  - ➤ 30 June (for July intake)
  - > 31 December (for January intake)
- Preferably before date of conjoint selection exercise
- Otherwise cannot fulfill the training requirement of last 6 months

(endorsed in College Council & HAHO CCST)

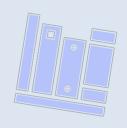






## 3. Mandatory Courses

- Basic Surgical Skill Course
  - > 2 full-day course
- Clinical Core Competency Course
  - > 5 half-day course
    - ◆ General Surgery
    - ◆ Simulation on abdominal emergency conditions
    - Orthopaedics & Traumatology
    - ◆ Safe Sedation
    - ♦ Scenarios
  - Web-base learning on pre-course materials
  - ➤ Absent, late > 30minutes & failure to sign out will have penalties
    - Marks deduction in Conjoint Selection Exercise due to absence & late for mandatory course attendance will take effect from the courses entry of 2017
    - ◆ Marks deduction in Conjoint Selection Exercise will also be caused by failing in signing in or out of the mandatory courses from the courses entry of 2020
    - Dishonest claim can lead to more severe penalties





# 4. CME/Training Points Requirement for Each College



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**HKCOS** 30 Training points per 6 months

**HKCORL** 30 CME points per year

#### **HKCEM**

- 15 Training points per 6 months; at least 8 TP must be Cat A, the rest can be either Cat B or Cat A.
- Written assignment (Best Evidence Topic)

[This will be waived if the actual training period to be accredited is < 3 months.]

\*For training less than 6 months, training points and categories required will be calculated on a pro-rata basis

### 5. HKICBSC Assessment: New form after Jan 2019

	ASS	ESSMENT FORM FOR BA	ISIC SURGICAL TRAININ	IG
same of Trainee :		Training	Period From :	To :
ate of commencement of I	Basic Surgi	ical Training:		
Iospital :		Specialty	in Training :	
		bsence (e.g. holiday / study leave		
assessment using the p	romots a	se enter your number (scored s a guide. Each column m score of 1, 2 and 5 in "Overall	ust contain a number. Plea	d, which best reflects your ase note that <u>explanatory</u>
POOR = 1	DEFICIE	NT = 2 SATISFACTORY	ABOVE AVERAGE =	4 EXCELLENT =5
	NO.	POOR	SATISFACTORY	EXCELLENT
(A) KNOWLEDGE				
Knowledge of Subject		Poor knowledge base. Significant deficiencies	Adequate fund of knowledge and relates it satisfactory to patient care.	Outstanding knowledge of the subject. Knows common areas is depth.
Learning attitude		Poor perspective Needs direction to study	Maintains currency of knowledge Applies scientific knowledge to patient care Reads appropriately	Asks for information and follow up Aware of the unusual
Application	+	Inadequate application of knowledge in real-life	Recognises and solves real-life problems	Excellent application of knowledge in clinical situation
(B) CLINICAL SKILLS				
Assessment	_	Incomplete or inaccurate	Usually complete, orderly and	Precise, thorough
History / Examinations		Poorly recorded	systematic	and perceptive
Case presentations		Poor basic skills Wordy or inaccurate on history, signs or diagnosis. Poor discussion.	Competent, concise and correct on clinical details. Good deductions.	Accurate and succinct case presentation, good perspective in case discussions.
Use of Investigations		Inappropriate, poor ability to select / interpret	Usually appropriate Selective. Can read X-rays / understand results	Almost always best choice of test Excellent at interpretation.
Judgement		Fails to group significance of findings or respond accordingly. Under or overreacts to emergencies.	Reliable, Competent under pressure. Asks for advice appropriately.	Outstanding clinicians, who is aware of his / her limits.
Perioperative Care		Disinterested. Fails to notice complications and act appropriately	Conscientious. Good awareness of complications. Reliable follow-up	Excellent care. Notices problem early. Outstanding in follow-up
(C) TECHNICAL SKILI	LS			
Surgical Laparoscopy / Endoscopy		Too hasty or too slow. Slow learner. Poor hand / eye coordination.	Good hand / eye coordination. Sound skills for level of training	Excellent and unusual ability at access procedures and endoscopic technique
Open Surgery		Rough with tissues. "Near enough is good enough". Hesitant	Mastered basic skills Well ordered approach, careful with tissues	Outstanding technician.
As surgical assistant		Fails to follow the operation	Follows the operation with guidance from the operator	Anticipates the needs of the operator
(D) PROFESSIONALIS	M			
Communication with patients		Bad listener and communicator. Distilled by patients. Increases patient anxieties.	Listens well, explains well. Trusted by the patient.	Excellent rapport. Inspires confidence. Patients delighted to be looked after by him / her.
Cooperation with staff		Refuses to help out. Poor relationship with peers and may undermine.	Good rapport with nursing and other medical staff. Willing to help.	Always willing to help even if personally inconvenient. Diffuse any problems in the surgical team
Self motivation Organization		Idle, lacking in any work enthusiasm. Behind with letters	Hard-working, keen to learn, self-organizes waiting list.	Full of energy. Performances go far beyond the "call of duty".







### CSE for Admission to HST

- The conjoint selection exercise (CSE) for HST posts in surgical stream is a competitive programme
- The trainees may not get the HST posts even they pass the interview
- The availability of HST posts are based on a number of factors, but not only on the number of applicants





### Interview



In order to get the post, the trainee should achieve highest standard in the selection interview

- 1. The Specialty Interview of your chosen specialties from Colleges & Boards in CSHK, HKCOS & HKCORL
- 2. The Conjoint Selection Exercise interview by HAHO & HKICBSC as referred by the specialty when necessary



# Specialty-interview of Your Chosen Specialty





- By the Colleges or Specialty Boards representatives
- To assess whether you are suitable to be a HST of your chosen specialty
- Aptitude test in some specialties
- Be well prepare your selected specialty

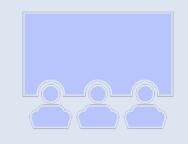


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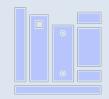


- For the applicants who are considered straight pass or straight fail the specialty-based interview, they do NOT need to attend the central CSE interview
- After the specialty-based interview, the specialties will refer the following applicants for central CSE interview:
  - applicants with marginal performance; or
  - applicants with satisfactory performance but no HST posting in their first choice available



# Logbook Vetting Exercise

- The Chairman of Training & Curriculum Committee & CSHK staff will check the candidates' compliance on
  - Module rotation
  - Competency Assessment
  - Mandatory courses
- We will send questionnaire to the candidates for feedback on
  - Marks for each rotation module
  - Operation & endoscopy exposure
  - Training opportunity











# Conjoint Selection Exercise For Admission To Higher Surgical Training









# Objective

- To match basic surgical trainees, who registered with the Hong Kong
  Intercollegiate Board of Surgical Colleges and respective colleges, with the
  appropriate potential and aptitude to different specialties for higher training
- For upcoming exercise, target candidates who:
  - Will have completed 2 years of BST and fulfilled all the training requirements set out by the HKICBSC and the respective Colleges by 30 June (for July intake) / 31 December (for January intake); and
  - Have passed the HKICBSC Membership Examinations Part 3 or will have passed the HKICBSC Membership Examinations Part 3 by 30 June (for July intake) / 31 December (for January intake)





### Point to Note

- Basic surgical trainees who will attend the coming HKICBSC Membership Examinations Part 3 to be held before 30 June (for July intake) / 31 December (for January intake) can submit application in response to the relevant VNC. Their CSE results will be according to the results of their specialty-based interview/ the central CSE interview.
- If they fail/ are considered as below standard in the specialty-based interview/ the central CSE interview, their CSE results will be "below standard" and they will be required to submit an improvement plan, no matter whether they will pass or fail the related HKICBSC Membership Examinations Part 3 subsequently. In this connection, the applicants concerned will be considered as obtaining the "below standard" CSE result once.
- Applicants who have been considered to be below standard twice in the specialty-based interview and / or central CSE interview are not eligible for further CSE attempt







#### **1.** Application **Deadline**:

- To submit the e-application form and upload the required documents to the erecruitment system
- Names of 3 referees

**Important note:** For all documents submitted for the current CSE, **click the box of "Relevant file"** in Taleo (i.e. the e-recruitment system)

Acknowledgement receipt will be issued to you

For enquiry about submission of e-application and acknowledgement email, please contact HO IT&HI eRecruit Support: <a href="https://haitseresupp@ha.org.hk">haitseresupp@ha.org.hk</a> or HA Recruitment Office: <a href="mailto:recruitment@ha.org.hk">recruitment@ha.org.hk</a>

Please contact HA Recruitment Office: recruitment@ha.org.hk (Tel: 2300 7367) to confirm the successful uploading of the required attachments for the related CSE application, if necessary.



- 2. Referee assessments **Deadline**:
  - Applicants to forward the Referee Assessment Form (excel format) to their referees and communicate with the referees to ensure their return of the completed Referee Assessment Forms to HACSE Secretariat by the deadline as stated in the form
  - The Referee Assessment Form should be **emailed to HACSE Secretariat directly by the referees**, instead of routing through the applicants (email address: <a href="mailto:hacse@ha.org.hk">hacse@ha.org.hk</a>)
  - Referees should be :
    - > AC or above, or College Trainer
    - Working with you within last 36 months of training
    - > Not more than one from same rotation
    - > Exclude assessors or supervisors writing your 3 most recent SDRs, i.e. "Manager", "Second Manager" and "Countersigning Manager" shown in SDR

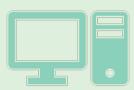


- Applicants attend College arranged **specialty-based interview** (subject to the schedule and arrangement of the respective colleges). Please note that information of CSE applications including information and documents submitted by the applicants, as well as the Referee Assessment Forms will be sent to HKICBSC for necessary arrangements by the respective colleges, such as specialty-based interview
  - For the applicants who are considered straight pass or straight fail the specialty-based interview, they do NOT need to attend the central CSE interview
  - After the specialty-based interview, the specialties will refer the following applicants for central CSE interview:
    - (i) applicants with marginal performance; or
    - (ii) applicants with satisfactory performance but no HST posting in first choice, as necessary.

- Withdrawal of Application: 4.
  - Specialty-based interview
  - Applicants who wish to withdraw should submit formal notification to the related **college** before the specialty-based interview
  - **After the specialty-based interview, NO withdrawal** of application is allowed
  - **Central CSE interview**
  - After the specialty-based interview, NO withdrawal of application is allowed
  - For candidates who did not withdraw yet **no show for interview**, the application would be processed with **0** mark for interview except for medical reasons



5.	<ul> <li>Selection Interview</li> <li>After the specialty-based interview, the specialties will refer the following applicants for central CSE interview:         <ul> <li>(i) applicants with marginal performance; or</li> <li>(ii) applicants with satisfactory performance but no HST posting in first choice, as necessary.</li> </ul> </li> <li>CSE Secretariat will inform the concerned applicants to attend the central CSE interview</li> </ul>
6.	Candidates receive notification of selection result





#### Note:

		Remarks
1.	<b>Application and Structured CV Form</b> (pdf format) with:	All fields should be duly completed (type with Times New Roman pt 12)
	<ul><li>Passport photo within the last 6 months</li><li>Supporting documents if appropriate</li><li>Accurate information of 3 referees</li></ul>	Signed by applicant (Item 18) and COS of applicant's parent department (Item 19)







#### Note:

		Remarks
2.	<ul> <li>Information Sheet on HKICBSC         Assessment Scores (excel format) and Information Sheet on SDR Rating (excel format) </li> <li>To input HKICBSC Assessment Scores, except the scores for the last 6-month rotation, i.e. from January to June for application for July intake / from July to December for application for January intake, in chronological order starting from the earliest rotation</li> <li>To input rating in SDR reports – up to the 3 most recent SDR reports</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To study the "Points to note" in the front page before completing these files and submitting the relevant documents for your application</li> <li>To input all required information about HKICBSC Assessment scores and SDR rating in the Information Sheets</li> <li>You may wish to obtain relevant SDR reports from the Human Resources Department of your Cluster/Hospital if necessary</li> </ul>



#### Note:

		Remarks
3.	HKICBSC Assessment Forms (non-editable pdf format) - covering whole BST training in chronological order	<ul> <li>Assessments for the last 6-month rotation i.e. from January to June for application for July intake / from July to December for application for January intake from is not required to be submitted</li> <li>To upload full set of HKICBSC Assessment Forms (in chronological order) to the e-recruitment system as non-editable PDF file(s)</li> </ul>



#### Note:

		Remarks
4.	Staff Development Review Report (non-editable pdf format)	
	For HA BST: Ensure completed SDR reports should reach hospital/ cluster HR on or before the application deadline	<ul> <li>Up to 3 most recent SDR reports will be counted</li> <li>To upload all SDR reports to the e-recruitment system as non-editable PDF file(s)</li> </ul>
	For Non-HA BST: individual submission of at least 1 completed SDR form (SDR format for HA staff) on or before the application deadline	To upload the SDR report to the e-recruitment system as a non-editable PDF file

# Second Choice in Application



- Please leave 2<sup>nd</sup> priority blank if you would not consider other specialties
- Please note that all eligible applicants are required to attend Specialty-based interview
- No change of choices after application deadline





### HKICBSC Assessment Forms

• The panel will normally not incorporate HKICBSC assessments made in :-



- 1) those periods preceding a clear break of service and employment from the HA (for HA-employees);
- 2) those periods preceding non-HKICBSC-approved interrupted training unless the periods are assessed by the HKICBSC as being fully contributory to the current basic surgical training or
- 3) those discrete assessment periods with major parts containing prolonged absence from training workplace or mainstream duties due to reasons such as maternity leave or long overseas training.
- Other training records or forms, e.g. DOPS, should be arranged as supporting documents

## Supporting Documents

- Must be organized and arranged according to the sequence of the related items listed in the Application and Structured CV Form, e.g.

- Information of published articles (Item 12)
- Information of research projects (Item 14)
- Information of training activities (Item 15)



## HST Posts Available

Specialties	Available Accredited HST posts
Cardiothoracic Surgery	
General Surgery	
Neurosurgery	
Orthopaedic Surgery	
Otorhinolaryngology	Please refer to HA website for the latest update:
Paediatric Surgery	http://www.ha.org.hk/ho/resident.htm
Plastic Surgery	
Urology	
Vascular Surgery	
Total	



## Selection Panel of the Central CSE Interview



- HST Program Directors of related surgical specialties
- Representative from the Hong Kong Intercollegiate Board of Surgical Colleges (HKICBSC)
- College representatives from CSHK, HKCOS, HKCORL
- Representative from HAHO



## Assessment Criteria

Assessor	Method	Interval/timing	Weighting
Trainers	HKICBSC assessment form	Half-yearly	25%
Supervisors	SDR	Half-yearly/SDR review cycle	10%
Referees	Referee assessment form	Deadline of assessment form	20%
Panel members	Structured CV Interview	Application deadline Interview day	15% 20%
Program Director	Independent assessment	NA	10%

# Scoring of SDR

• 11 items under Part 3 "Competency Evaluation" will be counted (excl. Overall Rating)

(I) Functional	1. Patient-centered Care	Original Rating Scale:
Competency	2. Application of Medical Knowledge	1 - Consistently exceeds the
	3. Clinical Decision Making	competency requirements.
	4. Procedural / Operative Skills	2 - Occasionally exceeds the
(II) Personal	5. Personal Effectiveness	competency requirements.
Competency	6. Integrity	3 - <u>Usually meets</u> the
(III)People & Team	7. People Development	competency requirements.
Competency	8. Teamwork	4 - Sometimes meets the
	9. Leadership	competency requirements
(IV) Organizational	10. Service / Organization	and <u>needs improvement.</u>
Effectiveness	Development	
	11. Service Improvement	

#### **Important:**

Completion of Part 2 "Achievement of Objectives" in your SDR report is necessary

## Assessment by Panel Members of the Central CSE Interview

**Application & Structure CV Form : Training Progress (15%)** 

- No. of attempts in exam
- Academic activities
  - > Publications
  - Paper presentation
  - > Research projects
- **Training Activities**
- BST are strongly advised to plan & participate in academic activities <u>at early</u> stage; otherwise, selection panel may cast serious doubt on BST's ability in research aspects

**Interview Performance (20%)** 







## Video Interview for the Central CSE Interview



- **Zoom interview** would be arranged for the selection panel
- Confidentiality Notice will be given to individual candidates via email when inviting them to the selection interview:
  - > The interview process should be kept in strict confidence and no recording or distribution of any content of the interview in any form is allowed. If candidates fail to meet the above-mentioned requirements, the selection panel reserve the right to take appropriate actions





# Video Interview for the Central CSE Interview

- **Trial run** will be arranged; applicants are encouraged to participate in the trial run
- On the day of interview:
  - Enter Zoom password as provided by CSE Secretariat
  - > Enter the virtual waiting room 20 minutes before their scheduled interview time
  - Read out your name and display your HA Staff ID Card/ID card in front of the camera before the interview starts
  - Set the camera facing the room door(s)
  - > Turn camera around to show the surrounding environment
  - Dress in an appropriate appearance
  - Do not pick up phone calls during the interview

### Adverse Weather

- Central CSE Interview will be suspended if Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 or above / Extreme Conditions / Black Rainstorm Signal is still in force:
  - > at 7:00 AM, the AM interview will be suspended
  - > at 11:30 AM, the PM interview will be suspended
- Central CSE Interview will be held as scheduled if Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 or above / Extreme Conditions / Black Rainstorm Signal is cancelled:
  - > before 7:00 AM, the AM interview will be held as scheduled
  - > *before 11:30 AM*, the PM interview will be held as scheduled







### CSE Results

- Selected for HST post:
  - Will start higher training from July/ January either in parent unit or cross unit with swap with a BST
- Not selected for HST post:
  - Can attempt again without the need to submit remedial plan and need to apply CSE in the future
- Below standard:
  - Need to submit remedial plan
  - > Will only be allowed to join subsequent CSE 1 year later at earliest if the self-initiated target of **improvement items** are assessed as entirely achieved by 2 assessors
  - Applicants who have been considered to be below standard twice in the specialty-based interview and / or central CSE interview are not eligible for further CSE attempt



## Appeal Mechanism



- For appealing against the selection result, applicants can contact the institution which held the selection board concerned:
- For the result of specialty-based interview:
  - Applicants to contact the concerned colleges according to their existing mechanism
- For the result of the **conjoint selection board arranged by the HA** (i.e. the **central CSE interview**):
  - Applicants can appeal to the Chairman of the Committee on Surgical Training (CCST) via Chief Manager(Medical Grade) by submitting appeal application with support from COS and additional information for the appeal according to the existing mechanism

## Appeal Mechanism – for the Central CSE Interview

- Applicants assessed to be below standard in CSE can appeal to the Chairman of the CCST via Chief Manager (Medical Grade) by submitting application for appeal with support from COS and additional information for the appeal
- Appeal board will consider whether the assessment is conducted in a fair manner with additional information provided
- Appeal board will not consider whether the applicant is qualified as HST
- Appeal panel:
  - > Chairman of CCST, or representative
  - Representative from respective College
  - > Chairman of Coordinating Committee (COC) in Surgery, or representative (Chairman of other COC if the appellant applied for HST in General Surgery)
- Outcomes:
  - Successful appeal: can apply for the next CSE
  - Failed appeal: proceed with remedial plan



## Questions and Enquiries



- Your Trainers / supervisors
- College secretariats [CSHK]
- Chairman of Training & Curriculum, HKICBSC





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<ul> <li>Your Trainers / supervisors</li> <li>College secretariats [CSHK]</li> <li>Chairman of Training &amp; Curriculum, HKICBSC</li> </ul>	The Secretariat of Conjoint Selection Exercise (CSE)  • Tel: 2300 7735;  • Email: hacse@ha.org.hk  • Website: http://www.ha.org.hk/ho/resident.htm  CSHK  • Tel: 2871 8799;  • Email: info@cshk.org  • Website: http://cshk.org/cshk.php?page=index  HKCOS  • Tel: 2871 8722;  • Email: hkcos@hkcos.org.hk  • Website: http://www.hkcos.org.hk/
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