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Introduction

Intensive Care Medicine (ICM) training is structured in Ireland as a 'supra-specialty', competency based, training programme. Supra-specialty training comprises training which is undertaken in addition to the achievement of full accredited training in a post-graduate medical 'base-specialty'. Currently, these base specialties are Anaesthesia, Internal and Emergency Medicine and Surgery. As a supra-specialty programme, knowledge, skill and competency from the base specialty of the trainee is enhanced and focussed with 2 years supra-specialty intensive care training. The overall training programme is that of a higher specialist training programme.

At the successful completion of higher specialist training in ICM, a doctor will have acquired the additional knowledge and competencies to allow consultant practice in ICM – in addition to the competencies (already attained) in his / her base-specialty. Such a doctor will have achieved a standardised set of ICM competencies, compatible with European Board of Intensive Care Medicine-approved Competency Based Training Programme in Intensive Care Medicine for Europe (CoBaTrICE).

Mission Statement of JFICMI

"To promote excellence in the practice of Intensive care medicine through a continuum of education, training, accreditation of specialists and research to meet the needs of the critically ill patients in Ireland."

Entry Requirements

As per the introduction, specialty training in intensive care medicine comprises base specialties (Anaesthesia, Internal and Emergency Medicine and Surgery) and 2 years supraspecialty intensive care training.

Base specialty training is commonly 6 years. One year of JFICMI-supervised intensive care training is allowed within the base specialty programme, either as a year out-of-programme or a special interest year. A second year is undertaken post base specialty CSCST. Hence the total duration of training is between 6 and 7 years for many trainees. The corresponding pathways to ICM training are outlined below in accordance with the particular specialty background of the prospective Intensive Care Medicine post-graduate trainee doctor.

Application Process

Trainees are appointed to supervised training posts through a central applications process under the auspices of the JFICMI. Currently there is an annual intake of trainees, with variable training numbers contingent on the numbers of applicants for special interest year posts and those eligible for post-CST appointment. The numbers of each is approximately 8 at special interest year and 4 at post CSCST year in 2017.

Application process is advertised in October, interviews in November / December, and appointments generally commence in July of the following year.

All training posts are in intensive care units accredited via the JFICMI visitation process (see website for accredited hospital list, (www.ificmi.anaesthesia.ie).

Training Pathways

a) Current Training pathways and regulations

Year 1 of specialty ICM training is characterised by the acquisition of the competencies specified within the curriculum, technical and procedural expertise (see Logbook / Procedures) and success at a summative Fellowship exam (Written, Clinical plus Viva) which is undertaken (FJFICMI) at the end of year 1. Intensive Care training at Year 1 may be achieved as a special interest year (SIY) in ICM, as per the established CAI training programme. Completion of Year 1 shall be in the senior years of advanced training for all base specialties (i.e. SAT 5/6 for anaesthesia trainees and equivalent for other base specialties). Where this year of intensive care training is not completed within the anaesthesia or other training programme, the trainee will need to complete 2 years of ICM training post base specialty CSCST.

During year 2 of specialty training, there is no further exam in ICM but publications / project or other accreditation (for example in critical care echocardiography) is required - as is suitable to a pre-consultant year of training. Competencies to be attained are as outlined in the JFICMI Curriculum document, with a particular focus on professionalism, and clinical leadership.

Up to 6 months of ICM training may be completed in a Pediatric Intensive Care training post.

By the end of training, year 2 trainees will have completed 24 months of dedicated ICM training to include:

- Completion of all the 12 domains of ICM competency
- Basic Critical Care echocardiography competence
- -Attendance at a BASIC course
- Attendance at an IDAP (Donor Awareness Programme) course
- Completion of a prospectively approved audit or research project with associated presentations and publication(s)
- Specific advanced training in critical care echocardiography or extra-corporeal life support (ECLS) training and accreditation or an alternative pathway to research (duration of training would preclude satisfactory completion of both research and specific advanced training modules).

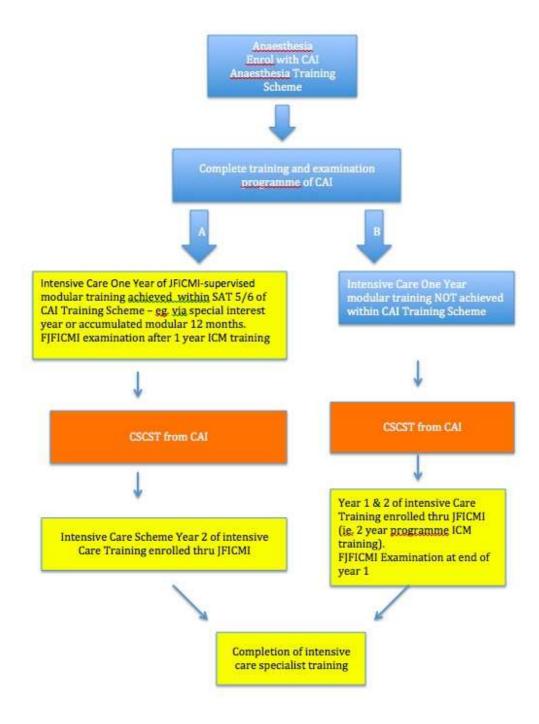
b) Current Training Outcomes and Career Structure:

The successful completion of one year of ICM training (as above), which includes success at the FJFICMI exam, allows eligibility (in Ireland) for a 'consultant with a special interest in ICM' position provided also that CSCST in base specialty is achieved. This career option is only utilised / available in Anaesthesia at present.

The successful completion of a pre-approved second 'supra-specialist' year of ICM training (see guidance above) will allow accreditation as a completed trainee in ICM. Such status will allow eligibility for specialist registration in ICM with the Medical Council of Ireland and eligibility to apply for a Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine position.

Overview of Training Pathways

I. ICM Trainees with Anaesthesia as base-specialty:



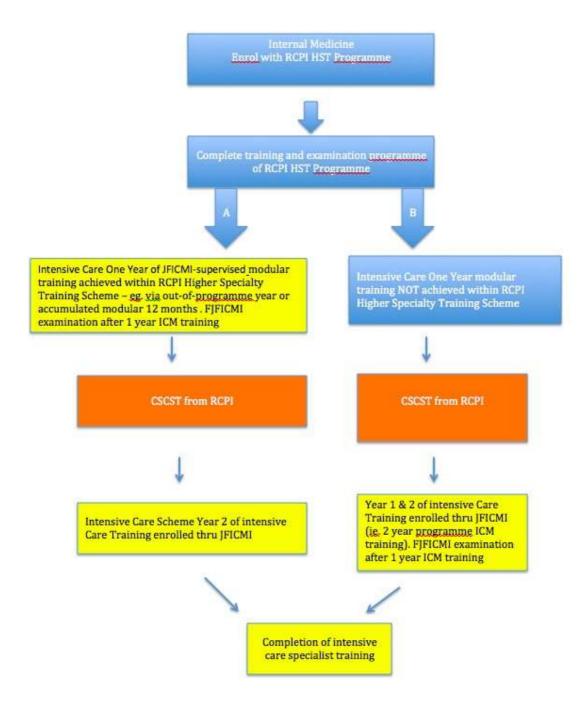
A JFICMI-accredited ICU and Hospital training position will provide the trainee with exposure to a broad range of medical disciplines within a suitable teaching environment while undergoing ICM training. Their programme of continuing medical education must include a wide range of general medicine topics and access to the Medicine specialty PCS / CME programme as applies to Internal Medicine training in

the Hospital. Specific access to certain skills and training opportunities (e.g. bronchoscopy, echocardiography, laboratory microbiology) may also be incorporated as relevant.

Duration of Training:

The duration of training for an anaesthesia trainee who wishes to complete specialty accreditation in intensive care medicine shall be 7 years for those who follow pathway (A) in the above organogram. For those who follow pathway (B) in the above organogram the duration of training shall be 8 years.

II. ICM Trainees with Internal Medicine as base-specialty:



Internal Medicine trainees:

An accredited centre for ICM training must include one day per week (or equivalent) of dedicated anaesthesia training. The trainee, over the course of year 1 of ICM training must achieve 100 intubations (2 per week approx.). Of these 100 intubations, at least 20 must be undertaken in emergency circumstances (emergency anaesthesia, emergency department, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, intensive care patients). Competence with general airway management is required and attendance at a Difficult Airway course is mandatory.

Duration of Training / Internal Medicine:

The duration of training for an internal medicine trainee who wishes to complete specialty accreditation in intensive care medicine shall be governed by the duration of training of the choice of Higher Specialty Training scheme with the RCPI, with the added supra-specialty intensive care medicine training duration.

There is some variability in HST durations.

Example 1. Respiratory Medicine:

This is a 5 year HST programme within which is allowed one out-of-programme year. This out-of-programme year has been allowed to date to be a year in intensive care medicine. Hence via pathway (A) in the above organogram, the trainee would have a duration of training of 2 years at BST, 5 years HST including one year ICM, then a final year of ICM, giving a total of 8 years training.

For those who follow pathway (B) in the above organogram the duration of training shall be 9 years.

Example 2. Infectious Diseases:

Eight or nine years same as above

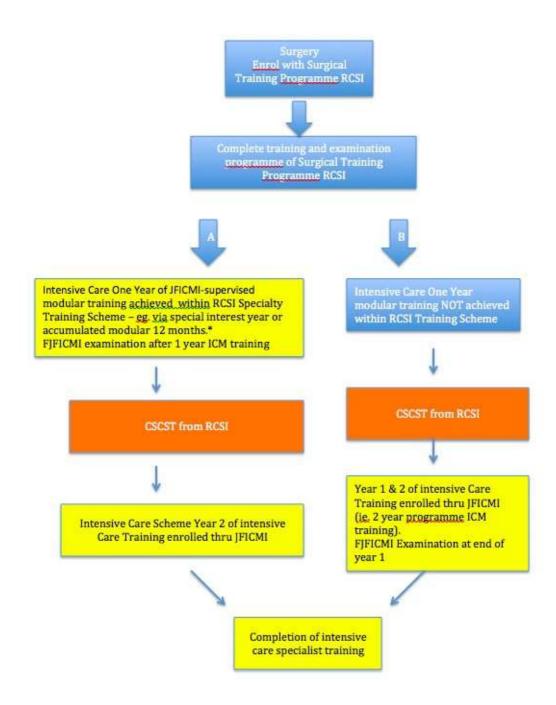
Example 3. Medical Oncology:

This is a 4-year programme within which is allowed one out-of-programme year.

Pathway (A) therefore is 7 years.

Pathway (B) therefore is 8 years.

iii. ICM Trainees with Surgery or Emergency Medicine as base-specialty:



An accredited centre for ICM training must include one day per week (or equivalent) of dedicated anaesthesia training. The trainee, over the course of year 1 of ICM training must achieve 100 intubations (2 per week approx.). Of these 100 intubations, at least 20 must be undertaken in emergency circumstances (emergency anaesthesia, emergency department, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, intensive care patients). Competence with general airway management is required and attendance at a Difficult Airway course is mandatory.

A JFICMI accredited ICU and Hospital training position will provide the trainee with exposure to a broad range of medical disciplines within a suitable teaching environment while undergoing ICM training. Their programme of continuing medical education must include a wide range of general medicine topics and access to the Medicine specialty PCS / CME programme as applies to Internal Medicine training in the Hospital. Specific access to certain skills and training opportunities (e.g. bronchoscopy, echocardiography, laboratory microbiology) may also be incorporated as relevant.

Duration of Training / Surgery:

The National Surgical Training Programme is an 8-year programme.

* The RCSI Specialty Training Scheme currently is unable to provide a year out of programme or special interest year in intensive care medicine, and hence for surgical trainees wishing to follow a career in intensive care medicine the current pathway is (B), and therefore 10 years duration.

Emergency Medicine trainees:

Core specialist training in Emergency Medicine (CSTEM) includes a mandatory module of 6 months Anaesthesia / Intensive Care Medicine. For those progressing to intensive care training recognised by the JFICMI, the trainee, over the course of year 1 of ICM training must achieve 100 intubations (2 per week approx.). Of these 100 intubations, at least 20 must be undertaken in emergency circumstances (emergency anaesthesia, emergency department, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, intensive care patients). Competence with general airway management is required and attendance at a Difficult Airway course is mandatory.

Duration of Training / Emergency Medicine:

The National Emergency Medicine Training Programme is a 7-year programme. Approval for Pathway (A) above would therefore allow the trainee to complete training in an 8-year period. Year 3 of Core Specialist Training in Emergency Medicine currently has a structure 6month period of Anaesthesia and/or Critical Care Medicine. On an individual basis to date a longer period of intensive care training has been recognized. This provision requires ongoing engagement with the Irish Committee for Emergency Medicine Training.

Pathway (B) would allow a duration of training over a 9-year period.

iv. ICM Monospecialty Training:

There is no approved programme for monospecialty training in intensive care medicine in Ireland.

Summary of Training Duration per Base Specialty

A) Training in ICM Commences within Base Specialty Anaesthesia (CAI) 6 year Programme 1 year ICM 7 years for Anaesthesia + ICM -Special Interest 1 year ICM within base specialty training. Pass FJFICMI exam Medicine (RCPI) 2 year BST / 5 year HST Programme 8 years for Respiratory Medicine + ICM (including 24 months BST) 1 year ICM Special Interest 1 year ICM within base specialty. training. Pass FJFICMI exam Eg.Emergency Medicine 7 year Programme 1 year ICM 8 years for Emergency Medicine + ICM Special Interest 1 year ICM within base specialty. training. Pass FJFICMI exam B) Training in ICM Commences after Base Specialty completion of CCST: 2 year ICM JFICMI Anaesthesia (CAI) 6 year Programme 8 years for Anaesthesia + ICM approved posts FJFICMI within Year 1 Medicine (RCPI) 2 year BST / 5 year HST Programme 2 year ICM_IFICMI 9 years for Respiratory Medicine + ICM (including 24 months BST) approved posts FJFICMI within Year 1 Surgery (RCSI) 2 year ICM_IFICMI Eg.Emergency Medicine 7 year approved posts. 9 years for Emergency Medicine + ICM FJFICMI within Year 1

Curriculum

CoBaTrICE is an international partnership of training organisations under the aegis of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine. The programme has developed an internationally acceptable competency-based training programme by using consensus techniques (Delphi and Nominal Group) to develop minimum core competencies for specialists in intensive care medicine.

The competencies have been developed as the roles and skills of the intensivist develop and change over the years and are informed by advances in medical education. The CoBaTrICE curriculum is endorsed by the European Board of Intensive Care Medicine and the national training organisations of 28 European countries. A number of countries have adopted the CoBaTrICE curriculum directly, e.g. Netherlands. In others, e.g. UK Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine, the relevant competencies have been mapped to the CoBaTRICE competencies.

The JFICMI has adopted the CoBaTrICE curriculum, though similar to the FICM UK, has articulated the syllabus in such a manner to map the competencies to assessment methodology and to the Medical Council Domains of Good Professional Practice

The full curriculum for the JFICMI is available on the JFICMI website - https://ificmi.anaesthesia.ie/

The competency based training structure is designed to make available to trainees the required practical skills, clinical experience, and theoretical knowledge through clinically based education programmes and exam preparation.

The curriculum outlines the elements of knowledge, skills, and competencies mapped to the Medical Council 8 domains of Good Professional Practice.

Assessment

Progression through training is predicated on satisfactory participation and performance in the following assessments:

- Consultant feedback at interim ("in-term") training assessment. This is a structured meeting between the trainee and their training supervisor to discuss the trainee's performance to date as well as to update the trainee's learning goals for the remainder of their ICM module. Feedback delivered to the trainee is derived from observation of their daily performance by the training supervisor and by other consultants within the clinical department. This process seeks feedback from the trainee and is signed off by both parties.
- Workplace-based assessments:
 - Direct observation of procedural skills (DOPS): a real-time observation of a trainee-patient interaction which involves a clinical procedure. This is followed by structured feedback from an ICM consultant observer.
 - Mini-clinical examination exercise (Mini-CEX): a real-time observation of a trainee-patient clinical interaction followed by structured feedback from an ICM consultant observer.
 - Case-based discussion (CbD): a retrospective discussion between the trainee and an ICM consultant about a clinical case managed by the trainee in the course of their daily practice.
 - Entrustable professional activities (EPAs): discrete tasks or competencies of high importance in intensive care medicine. Trainees are rated from 1-5 (increasing order of competence) based on their performance as assessed by DOPS, Mini-CEX or CbD.
- Review of eLogbook at <u>www.jficmi.anaesthesia.ie</u> website. This enables the training supervisor to view a trainee's record of clinical time spent in the ICU, the case mix of patients managed during this time as well as the procedural skills undertaken during the module.
- Consultant feedback on involvement in departmental audit and journal club activities

- Clinical microbiology / infectious disease multidisciplinary ward rounds all trainees participate and present cases at these rounds. These are a mandatory part of the JFICMI hospital accreditation as a training site and part of the assessment of knowledge as per the Curriculum
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- Trainee clinical and educational presentations and feedback.
- Trainee participation in ICU Multidisciplinary rounds with physiotherapy, occupational therapy, nutritional and speech therapy services.

Mandatory Courses:

A number of courses are deemed mandatory by the JFICMI, all of which include a completion assessment:

- BASIC Course (ICSI)
- Intensive Care Simulation Course: a mandatory course that assesses clinical reasoning as well as non-technical skills such as task management, team working, situation awareness and decision making
- Difficult airway workshop (College of Anaesthetists).
- Basic Critical Care Echocardiography training (JFICMI) and logbook: basic transthoracic echocardiography is now an essential skill for those practicing in the field of intensive care medicine and is a mandatory course for trainee completing year 2 of ICM training.
- Irish Donor Awareness Programme course (JFICMI): a mandatory course for the professionalism and skills related to organ donation

Desirable Courses

A number of courses are recommended as desirable by the JFICMI, all of which include a completion assessment. Some of these courses are delivered by the JFICMI, others as listed below.

- o Critical Care Refresher course (JFICMI)
- o ACLS
- o ATLS
- Beyond BASIC: Mechanical Ventilation course (Intensive Care Society of Ireland)

Ireland) o Quality Improvement Changing Healthcare for the Better course (RCPI)

Summative assessment tools for ICM training are as follows:

- Consultant feedback at final ("end-of-term") training assessment. This is a structured meeting between the trainee and their training supervisor and at least one other consultant colleague at the end of an ICM module. The purpose of this assessment is to review a trainee's performance and thereby decide to either (a) recommend trainee progression to the next stage of their training or (b) to highlight any concerns about the trainee's performance that might delay progression to the next stage of their training. The latter information is transmitted to the JFICMI Training Committee via an online link on the https://jficmi.anaesthesia.ie/ website. This process seeks feedback from the trainee and is signed off by both parties.
- o JFICMI Fellowship examination:
 - Short answer questions: 8 SAQs in written format
 - Multiple choice questions: 100 questions with single-best-answer questions (type A).
 - Bedside clinical examination: one-hour process comprising two long cases.
 - Data interpretation: a combination of laboratory and radiology intensive care tests presented in an electronic format

- Viva examination: cross-table discussion about a combination of clinical, non-clinical, administrative, professional and ethical topics relevant to intensive care medicine
- Review of eLogbook on <u>www.jficmi.anaesthesia.ie</u> website o Confirmation of attendance at mandatory JFICMI educational courses o Confirmation of satisfactory participation in ICM educational and research activities during training modules
- Evidence of completion of advanced training course (e.g.Transthoracic echocardiography)

Final "sign-off" process: A final interview between the trainee and members of JFICMI Training Committee to ensure that all training requirements have been satisfied. This is followed by a recommendation made to the JFICMI Board about whether the trainee has achieved satisfactory completion of ICM training or not.

The table below summarises the key components of training in intensive care medicine and the assessment methods used to ensure that a trainee has satisfied these components of training. They represent an abbreviated version of the 12 domains of training and assessment contained in the JFICMI Curriculum.

| Key training component | Formative assessment method(s) | Summative assessment method(s) |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Knowledge of critical illness | Consultant feedback in the workplace Interim "in-term" assessment with SOT CbDs, Mini-CEX Participation in clinical and educational presentations Courses – mandatory and desirable | JFICMI examination – MCQs, SAQs and Vivas eLogbook showing case mix of patients managed "End-of-term" assessment with SOT "Sign-off" interview with Trainee Committee members Attendance at mandatory courses |

| Diagnostic evaluation and investigation of patient with critical illness | Consultant feedback in the workplace Interim "in-term" assessment with SOT CbDs, Mini-CEX, DOPS, EPAs Participation in ICU clinical rounds (radiology, microbiology rounds) Courses – mandatory and desirable | JFICMI examination – MCQs, SAQs, data interpretation, bedside examination, Vivas eLogbook showing case mix of patients managed "End-of-term" assessment with SOT "Sign-off" interview with Trainee Committee members |
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| Procedural skills | Consultant feedback in the workplace Interim "in-term" assessment with SOT | eLogbook showing case mix of patients managed "End-of-term" assessment with SOT |
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| | eLogbook showing procedures performed in clinical practice DOPS, EPAs Courses – mandatory and desirable | "Sign-off" interview with Trainee Committee members Attendance at mandatory courses |
| Critical disease management (including perioperative care) | Consultant feedback in the workplace Interim "in-term" assessment with SOT CbDs, Mini-CEX, DOPS, EPAs Participation in clinical and educational presentations Courses – mandatory and desirable | JFICMI examination – MCQs, SAQs, Vivas eLogbook showing case mix of patients managed "End-of-term" assessment with SOT "Sign-off" interview with Trainee Committee members |
| Managing patient comfort and recovery | Consultant feedback in the workplace Interim "in-term" assessment with SOT CbDs, Mini-CEX, DOPS, EPAs Participation in ICU multidisciplinary meetings (physio, OT etc.) | JFICMI examination – bedside examination, Vivas eLogbook showing case mix of patients managed "End-of-term" assessment with SOT "Sign-off" interview with Trainee Committee members |

| End of life care | Consultant feedback in the workplace Interim "in-term" assessment with SOT CbDs, Mini-CEX | JFICMI examination – Vivas eLogbook showing case mix of patients managed "End-of-term" assessment with SOT "Sign-off" interview with Trainee Committee members Attendance at mandatory donor awareness course |
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| Transport of the critically ill patient | Consultant feedback in the workplace Interim "in-term" assessment with SOT DOPS eLogbook review of intra- and inter-hospital transfers Transport medicine course – desirable | JFICMI examination – Vivas eLogbook showing patient transfers managed "End-of-term" assessment with SOT "Sign-off" interview with Trainee Committee members |
| Patient safety and healthcare management | Consultant feedback in the workplace Interim "in-term" assessment with SOT | JFICMI examination – SAQs, Vivas eLogbook showing patient transfers managed |
| | eLogbook review Consultant feedback on management and leadership skills Involvement in organizational, administrative and committee activities in hospital and ICU Consultant feedback on involvement in departmental audit and journal club Courses - desirable | "End-of-term" assessment with SOT "Sign-off" interview with Trainee Committee members |
| Professionalism | Consultant feedback in the workplace Interim "in-term" assessment with SOT CbDs, EPAs eLogbook review Consultant feedback on ICU educational, research and audit activities | JFICMI examination — SAQs, Vivas eLogbook showing patient transfers managed "End-of-term" assessment with SOT "Sign-off" interview with Trainee Committee members |

Table legend: Assessment tools mapped to components of training. For more details about courses, see section 5.1.1 or appended Curriculum document. [SOT: Supervisor of Training, MCQs: multiple choice questions, SAQs: short answer questions, DOPS: direct observation of procedural skills, CbDs: case based discussions, Mini-CEX: mini clinical examination exercises, EPAs: Entrustable professional activities **Examination**

1. General

The Fellowship exam (FJFICMI) is a summative examination process within the global training of a postgraduate doctor in Intensive Care Medicine (ICM) and is fundamental to the role of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland (JFICMI) in the overall supervision of Training in ICM in Ireland. The responsibility of the JFICMI to conduct a Fellowship exam is entrusted to its Examination and Training Committees and their Chairs.

The exam has 2 parts: part 1 (written: MCQ and SAQ) and part 2 (clinical and viva exams).

2. Setting the Exam

The exam is set by the Examination Committee three months in advance of it being held: the written exam being normally conducted in April-May.

Exam of six sections

| | Section | Content | Time allowed |
|------------|---------|--|--------------|
| Part 1 | | | |
| - MCQ | 1 | 50 Type A Questions (On line proctored) | 90 mins |
| - SAQ | 2 | 8 short answer questions (On line proctored) | 90 mins |
| Part 2 | | | |
| - Clinic 1 | 3 | Major Case 1 | 30 mins |
| - Clinic 2 | 4 | Major Case 2 | 30 mins |
| - Viva 1 | 5 | ECGs, Radiology, Labs, Traces/curves | 20 mins |
| - Viva 2 | 6 | Intensive Care Topics | 20 mins |

Having 6 distinct sections ensures the candidate is examined by differing examination techniques and exposes each candidate to many examiners making it a balanced and fair process.

The part 1 exam consists of 50 type A multiple choice questions and 8 short answer questions. The MCQs are derived from an extensive bank housed at the JFICMI secretariat and is renewed annually by practising intensivists. With each new sitting some old questions and some new questions are used thus standardising the difficulty to previous years. MCQs are set by JFICMI examiners and then vetted by the examination committee for content, quality and accuracy. A new unique SAQ paper is set for each exam and model answers written and edited by members of the examination committee. Both the MCQ and SAQ papers are mapped to the syllabus of the training program ensuring the candidate is examined across all aspects of intensive care medicine.

3. Dates and venues

Exam: Once the date for the written exam (part 1) is set, the hospital(s) which will host the clinical exam (part 2) is (are) agreed, usually on a rotational system. The Clinical / Viva exam is conducted over one day and is usually in May.

Course: The pre-exam course is run by the JFICMI over three days in the March before the exam. Positions are limited and preference is given to registered ICM trainees who are eligible to take the JFICMI fellowship exam. The course is normally conducted in three Dublin hospitals.

Closing date for applications: This is set to allow time for administrative organisation and for review of applications by the Chair of the Examination committee to ensure compliance with exam eligibility.

4. Candidates

See Training Pathway for individual specialty backgrounds.

Applicants are also required to have attained at least one year of approved training in ICM, up to 6 months of which may have been in 'complementary discipline training'. Candidates are required to become registered trainees with the JFICMI and to have their training prospectively approved.

5. Arbitration on Candidate performance in the Exam

a) Standard of the Examination

The standard required in the JFICMI Fellowship examination is that of a senior trainee who has satisfactorily completed at least one year of specific, supervised Intensive Care Medicine training. The candidate should show evidence of skills, attitudes and knowledge that should allow him / her to take charge of an ICU (and the management of its patients) for a period.

The candidate will be expected to show consistent evidence of competence to practise independently in intensive care medicine. This will include evidence of a capacity to consult other services appropriately and in general to maximise the multidisciplinary environment of critical care for optimum patient benefit.

b) Marking system

With reference to the six-section format of the exam (see below and also the JFICMI's Exam Format document), each of the six sections is marked with equal importance i.e. a maximum of 5 marks (range 0-5) per section. However, the Fellowship exam is a clinical exam primarily and a premium is attached to passing the clinical sections of the exam. A pass mark (6), between the two clinical components of the exam, is a requirement to pass the exam.

c) Assessment on which marking is based:

A six point 'closed' marking system is used, the marks being:

| Bad Fail / Veto | 0 |
|------------------|---|
| Fail | 1 |
| Bare Fail | 2 |
| Pass | 3 |
| Good Pass | 4 |
| Excellent | 5 |

The marking system is designed as a closed marking system.

Each section of the exam (apart from the MCQ) is scored by a pair of examiners.

i.e.: All written SAQ papers are exchanged between a pair of examiners

- 2 examiners for each major clinical case
- 2 examiners for each viva

The scores awarded to each candidate at all interactive sections of the exam must be agreed and recorded by the examiner pair at the end of each section of the exam — before beginning to examine another candidate. It is anticipated that the Extern will examine with different pairs of examiners throughout the day, and may act at times as an observer, at his/her discretion.

d) Application of the marking system to various sections of the Exam

1. MCQ Section:

The MCQ is marked as

1 mark = correct answer

0 mark = incorrect answer or no answer

i.e. there is no negative marking in the MCQ

2. Paper (SAQs) section:

The SAQ paper is sat 1 hour after the MCQ has been completed. The candidates have 120 minutes for this paper. The model answers are vetted by the examination committee for content, quality and accuracy.

There are usually four paper-marking examiners, who are divided into two marking pairs.

Each question is to be marked in accordance with JFICMI standard marking system (0 -5).

Examiners are requested to use the 0 (zero: i.e. veto) mark only in extreme circumstances. If it is used, the examiners will be asked to justify their mark at either the script review or call-over meetings.

At the end of the SAQ marking process, the total marks for the SAQs for each candidate are collated by the Chairman of the Examination, the composite marks being addressed as follows. In the event of the composite score being other than a whole number (e.g. 2.4), the mark (for this section of the exam) will be rounded to the nearest whole number

e.g. > 2.5 shall be rounded to 2 > 2.5 shall be rounded to 3

Admission to Part 2 (Clinical / Viva Exam):

The marks from section 1 and 2 of the exam are added for each candidate. A mark of greater than 5 is required in these two sections to qualify for admission to the clinical / viva sections of the exam. On receipt of his/her results the candidate can apply to present to part 2 of the exam. If a candidate scores a mark of greater than 5 (i.e. pass), he/she may defer presenting to part 2 for one year only. If he/she does not apply for and present at the subsequent part 2 exam, then he/she forfeits the original results of part 1 and must represent for part 1.

Part 2 of exam – Major case x 2 and Vivas x 2

Part 2 consists of 4 parts: 2 clinical sections and 2 cross-table viva sections. The clinical sections consist of two separate major cases which carries a maximum of 5 marks each. Each viva carries a maximum of 5 marks. Part 2 in total carries 20 marks. The candidate is examined in each section of part 2 by a minimum of 2 and often 3 examiners. The candidate is examined by different examiners in each section of part 2. The clinical cases have a Performa set of clinical findings that the examiners are given prior to examining each candidate, thus standardising the exam. The viva sections have pre-written model answers that have been scrutinised by the examination committee, thus standardising this section of the exam.

Overall Exam Marking – court of examiners' 'call-over'.

Once the marks from the Clinical / Viva section of the exam are collated, attention is given to the overall results from the exam. The 'call over' is the forum of the examiners where all the marks are collated and the final adjudication is agreed by all present – in accordance with the 'marking' regulations outlined.

Veto marks (0) will be the subject of discussion and issues of counselling may need to be addressed.

Overall examination result

Pass 18 marks

Provided

- a) The combined mark achieved in clinical sections (3 and 4) is 6 or greater
- b) The candidate has no mark of 0 (veto) in any section of the exam

Faculty Medal

The candidate who achieves first place in the exam provided the mark awarded is greater than 25 marks.

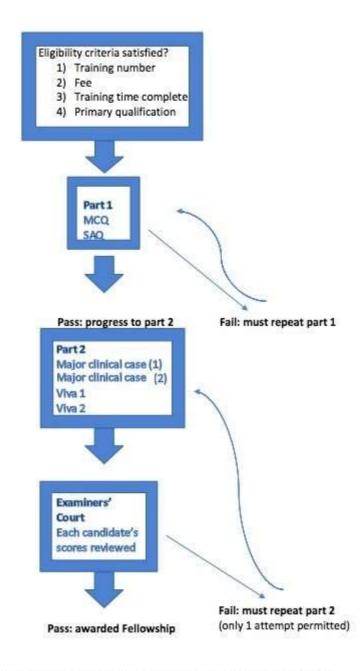
Although the overall pass mark is 18 (with provisions - see below), candidates whose composite mark is 17 shall be reviewed, provided the composite score for the clinical sections (major and minor cases) is greater than 6.

If the highest marked candidate has achieved a mark of 25 or over, (s)he is considered for the award of the JFICMI medal and a recommendation for the awarding of the Medal should go to the next Board meeting. The medal is normally awarded at the time of the conferral of the Fellowship.

Announcement of Results to Candidates

The results are announced immediately after the call-over and the successful candidates are invited to meet the examiners.

The candidates who were not successful are offered the opportunity for exam feedback on their exam performance and for advice / counselling which can take place immediately or at a later date as requested by the candidate(s). Usually the chair and another senior examiner will counsel the candidate(s) with a member of the examination secretariat in attendance.



Organogram for Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine Fellowship Examination

Research

Completion of an audit or research project is a requirement of the two years of ICM specialist training. Trainees are encouraged to acquire research training and competence and the achievement of a successful (preferably published) research work during training is recognised for credit and accolades towards certification of completion of specialist training. Those who have pursued a research pathway in their base specialty training will also be encouraged to continue their academic research.

The post-CSCST year (Year 2 ICM Training) is strongly clinical in focus. A non-clinical day is built into the working week, thereby affording approximately 20% of time towards research or audit. A submission for a dedicated period of training devoted to research will be considered by the Training Committee on a case by case basis, informed by the prior research opportunities and research product of the candidate as well as cumulative intensive care and complementary training to date.

Training Progress Report

The Supervisor of Training is required to review with each trainee their knowledge and training experience. All trainees are required to acquire proficiency in the 12 competencies presented here.

The trainee's experience is also supported by their eLogbook. This is an opportunity to review the eLogbook which gives a broad overview of case-mix, complexity, procedural experience, and professionalism.

These competencies do not have to be completed all at once, but can be addressed, saved and updated at intervals during the trainee's time with you. Please note there is an option in each competency to add free text for both trainer and trainee, and each assessment should be discussed with the trainee.

If a trainee has further ICM modules to complete at another centre, their new Supervisor of Training will also be required to review a new full set of competencies. Hence, the trainee shall accrue more competencies with each module. However, the trainee needs to be advised where deficiencies exist to allow the opportunity to correct these. We would therefore also encourage frequent meetings with trainees so that any problems are identified by both sides in a timely manner.

Please note, the last option on each competence page is a statement of concern regarding a trainee's suitability for intensive care medicine. If this option is chosen, the concern is submitted to the JFICMI Training Committee for further consideration.

The Training Progress Report overview in the following pages is available on-line through the CAI Kaizen website using a Supervisor of Training login.

1. RESUSCITATION & INITIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE ACUTELY ILL PATIENT

1.1 Adopts a structured and timely approach to the recognition, assessment and stabilisation of the acutely ill patient with disordered physiology.

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

1.2 Manages cardiopulmonary resuscitation

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

1.3 Manages the patient post-resuscitation

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

1.4 Triages and prioritises patients appropriately, including timely admission to ICU

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

1.5 Assesses and provides initial management of the trauma patient

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

1.6 Assesses and provides initial management of the patient with burns

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

1.7 Describes the management of mass casualties / major incident plan

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

1.7 Describes the management of mass casualties / major incident plan

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

This assessment is based upon:

Personal Observation Feedback Logbook Overview

Additional Comments:

Discussed with Trainee: (mandatory)

Yes / No

Overall rating Section 1:

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

ITA Rating Scale:

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

2. DIAGNOSIS: ASSESSMENT, INVESTIGATION, MONITORING AND DATA INTERPRETATION

2.1 Obtains a history and performs an accurate clinical examination

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

2.2 Undertakes timely and appropriate investigations

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

2.3 Performs and interprets focused transthoracic echocardiography

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

2.3b Performs and interprets general critical care ultrasonography (thoracic, abdominal, vascular)

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

2.4 Performs electrocardiography (ECG / EKG) and interprets the results

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

2.5 Obtains appropriate microbiological samples and interprets results

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

2.6 Obtains and interprets the results from blood gas samples

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

2.7 Interprets chest x-rays

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

2.8 Liaises with radiologists to organise and interpret clinical imaging

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

2.9 Monitors and responds to trends in physiological variables

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

2.10 Integrates clinical findings with laboratory investigations to form a differential diagnosis

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

This assessment is based upon:

Personal Observation

Additional Comments:

Discussed with Trainee: (mandatory)

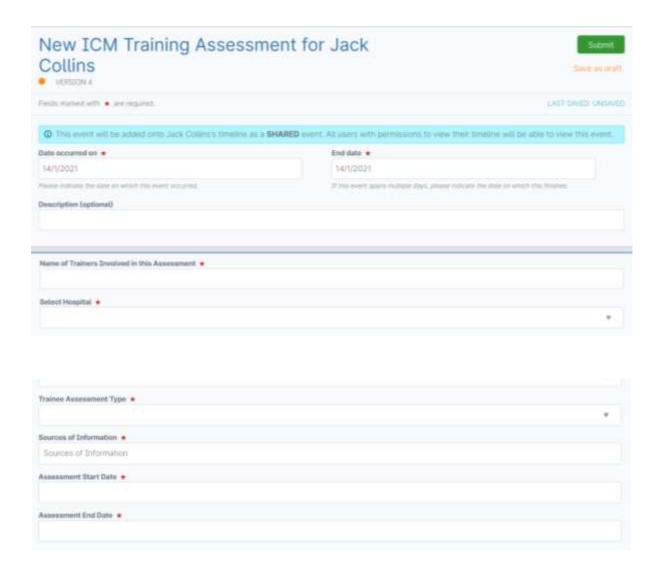
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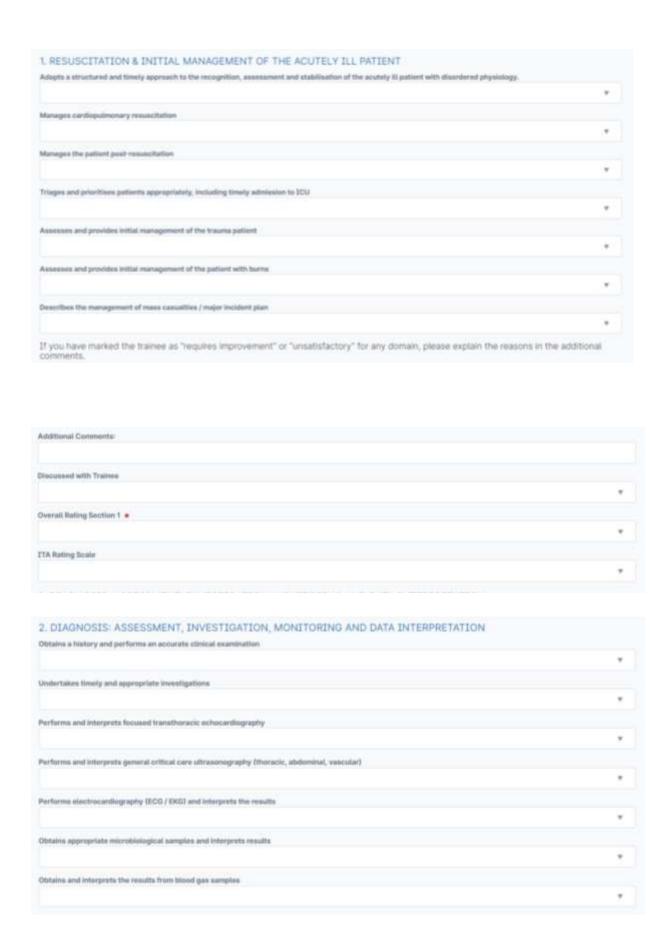
Overall rating Section 2:

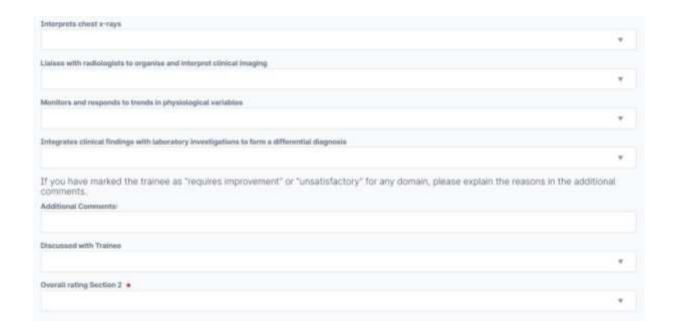
Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory / Requires improvement

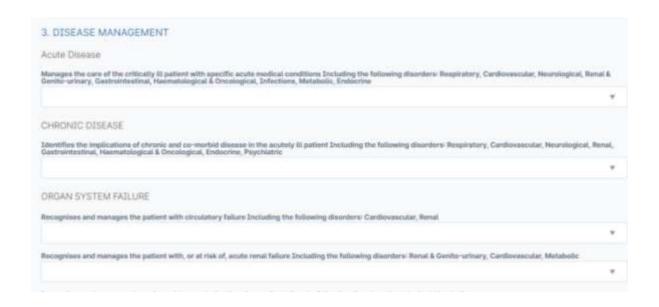
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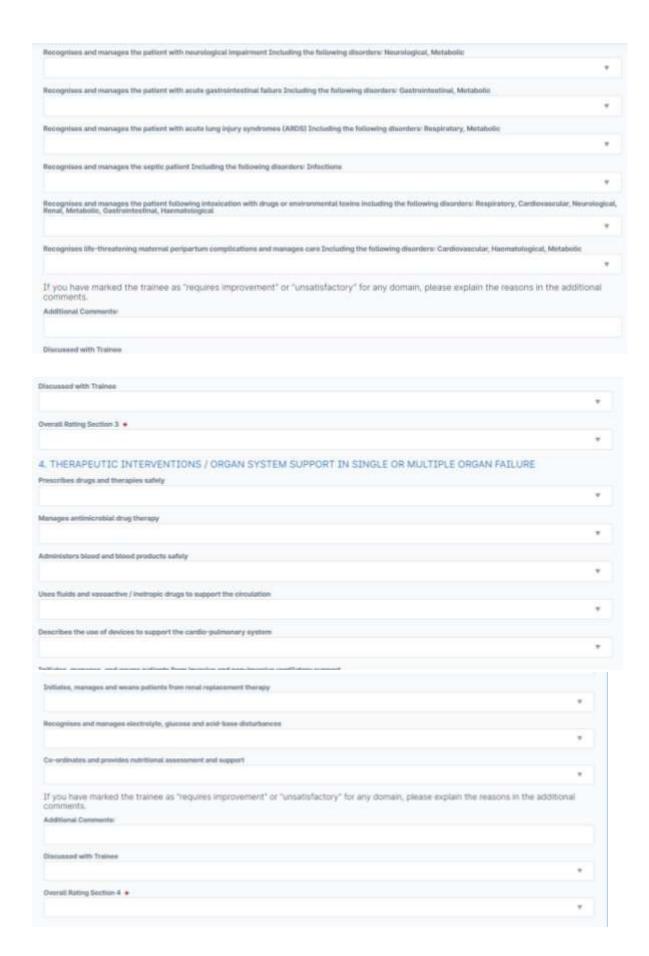
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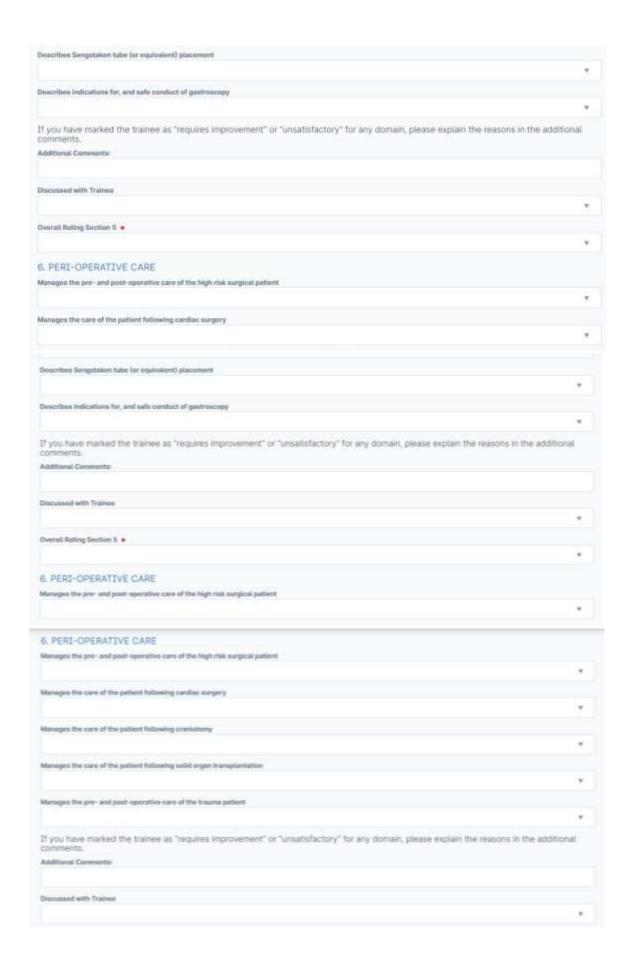


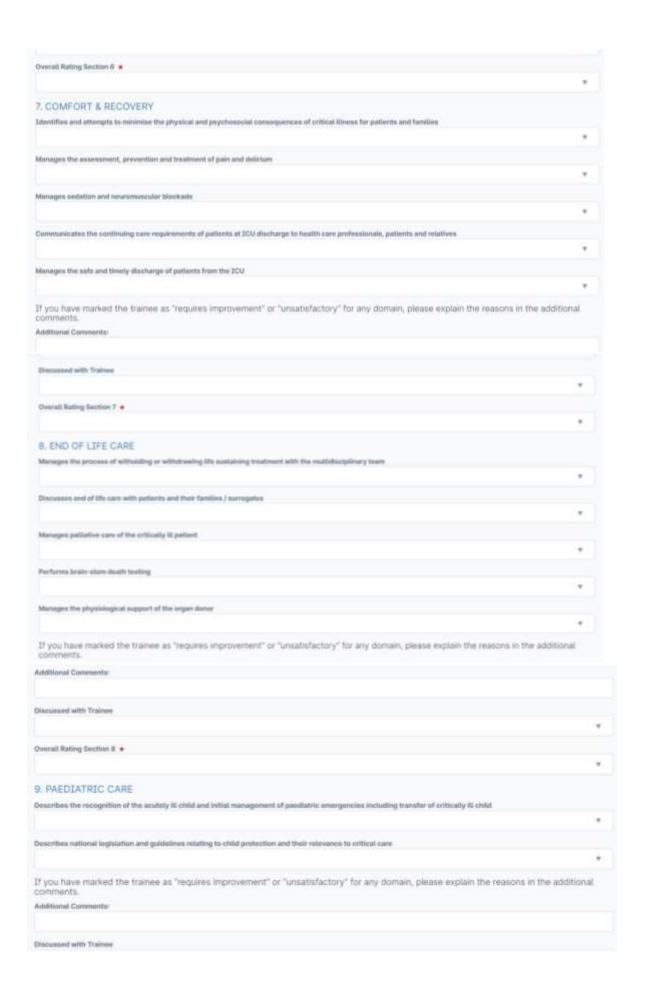


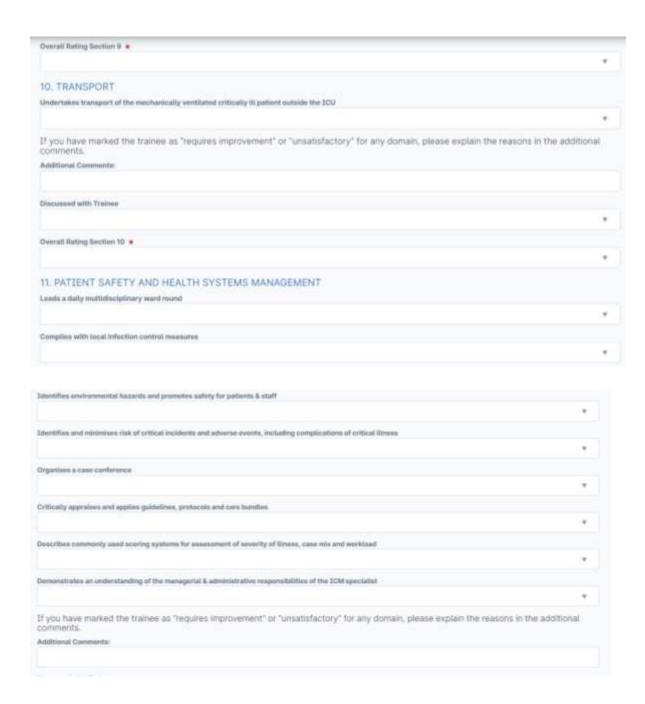


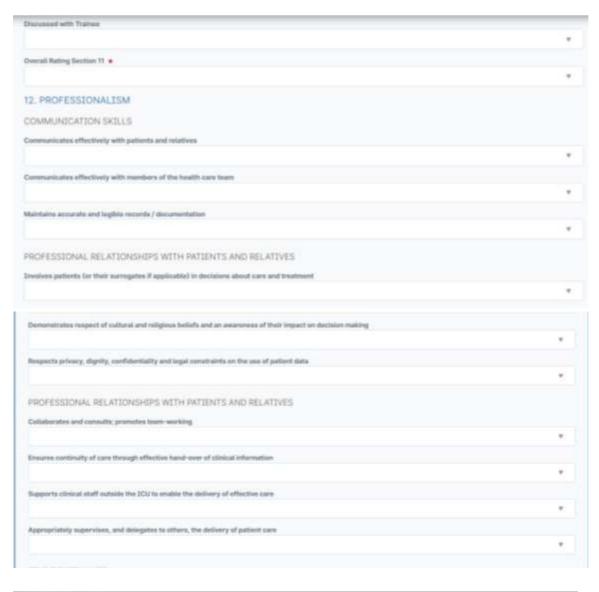


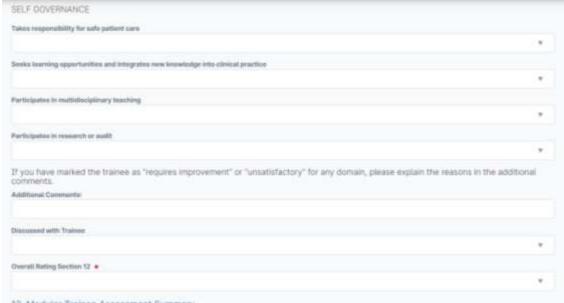
| 5. SAFE USE OF PRACTICAL PROCEDURES | |
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| Administers anygen using a variety of administration devices: | |
| | * |
| Performs fibrespfic laryngescopy | |
| | 7 |
| Describes emergency surgical alreasy management | * |
| Performs videolaryngoscopy or fibreoptic intuitation | |
| A Marie Control of the Marie Control of the Control | * |
| Performs endotracheal suction | |
| | 7 |
| Performs fibrosptic branchoscopy and SAL in the intulated patient | |
| | * |
| Performs perculaneous tracheostamy | |
| | * |
| Performs thereopophesis via a cheet drain | |
| The state of the s | , |
| A Company of the Comp | |
| CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM Performs peripheral sensus catheterisation | |
| Performs perspectual services contractorisation | |
| Purforms arterial cathologisation | |
| | * |
| Describes a method for surgical lealation of vain / artery. | |
| | * |
| Performs ultrasound for yescular localization | |
| | * |
| Performs central venous catheterisation | |
| | * |
| Performs defibritation and cardioversion | |
| | |
| Parforms cardiac pacing (transvensus, transitionicic, apicardial) | |
| | |
| Describes how to perform pericardiocentesis | |
| | * |
| Demonstratus a method for researing cardiac output and derived harmedynamic variables | |
| | |
| CENTRAL NERVOLIS SYSTEM | |
| Performs luminar puncture | |
| | |
| Manages the administration of analyseis via an epidural catheter | |
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| GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM | |
| Parforms needpastric tube placement | |
| | * |
| Performs abdominal paracenteris | |

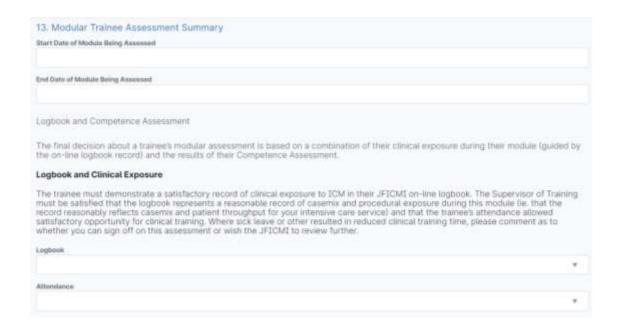












eLogbook

Every trainee is required to maintain an eLogbook. This is accessible to every registered trainee with the JFICMI using their secure login detail.

The eLogbook is used as supporting evidence of exposure to a wide range of intensive care exposure, case-mix, professional interactions, and procedural activities.

The Help section and FAQ helps guide the User in the use of this logbook. The option to create a report is described and this allows the trainee, and JFICMI, re develop and retain the eLogbook portfolio.

Please be aware the eLogbook is required for review of competencies and training progress with both the Supervisor of Training and the JFICMI Training Committee.

The eLogbook overview of content in the following pages is available on-line through the JFICMI website using your User login.

| | | Minimum Volume of Practice (expanded ve | rsion) | | |
|----|-------------|---|-------------|------|------|
| | | | 6 Months | Yr 1 | Yr 2 |
| 1 | General In | formation | WIOTILITS | | |
| | a) Hospita | | | | |
| | | ant on duty | | | |
| | c) Working | · | | | |
| | | Daytime | | | |
| | | On call | | | |
| | | Both | | | |
| | d) Patients | s in ICU | | | |
| | | Patient directly assigned to own care | | | |
| | e) Number | r of Ward rounds | | | |
| | | Consultant led | 40 | 80 | 80 |
| | | Led by you | 2 | 10 | 30 |
| | | MDT: Radiology | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| | | MDT: Micro | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| | | MDT: Allied | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| | | | | | |
| | f) New adr | nissions | | | |
| | | Elective | | | |
| | | Emergency | | | |
| | g) Out of I | CU assessments | 20 | 40 | 40 |
| | | | | | |
| 2 | Disease m | anagement (new/continued care) | | | |
| [5 | hould be al | ble to choose multiple options in each section] | | | |
| | a) CVS | | 10 | 25 | 25 |
| | | Cardiogenic Shock | | | |
| | | Congestive Cardiac Failure | | | |
| | | Coronary Artery Disease / MI | | | |
| | | Dissecting Aortic Aneurysm | | | |
| | | Hypertension | | | |
| | | Hypovolaemia / Shock | | | |
| | | Post Cardiac Arrest | | | |
| | | Rhythm Disturbance | | | |
| | b) Respi | ratory Failure | 10 | 25 | 25 |
| | | ARDS | | | |
| | | Aspiration | | | |
| | | Asthma | | | |
| | | COPD | | | |
| | | Pneumonia/CAP/HAP/VAP | | | |
| | | Pulmonary embolism | | | |

| c) | Acute severe sepsis or shock | 10 | 25 | 25 |
|----|--|----|----|----|
| | Sepsis | | | |
| | Intra-abdominal sepsis | | | |
| | Severe soft tissues infection | | | |
| | Infective endocarditis | | | |
| | Urinary tract sepsis | | | |
| | Catheter related blood stream infection | | | |
| | Neutropaenic sepsis | | | |
| | Biliary sepsis | | | |
| | Opportunistic infection in immunocompromised patient | | | |
| | Bacteraemia (unknown origin) | | | |
| | Other | | | |
| d) | Acute gastrointestinal failure | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| | Severe acute pancreatitis | | | |
| | Sever enteritis | | | |
| | Ischaemic bowel | | | |
| | Abdominal compartment syndrome | | | |
| | Bowel dysfunction after major surgery | | | |
| | Acute oesophageal perforation | | | |
| | Other | | | |
| e) | Acute Kidney Injury | 10 | 25 | 25 |
| | Acute renal resuscitation | | | |
| | Renal replacement therapy | | | |
| f) | Neurological impairment | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| | Critical illness neuropathy | | | |
| | Thrombotic or embolic stroke | | | |
| | Haemorrhagic stroke | | | |
| | Spinal cord disease | | | |
| | Status epilepticus | | | |
| | Meningitis/Encephalitis | | | |
| | Myaesthenia Gravis | | | |
| | Guillaine Bare syndrome | | | |
| | Other | | | |
| g) | Acute liver failure | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| | Acute fulminant liver failure | | | |
| | Acute decompensation of chronic liver disease | | | |
| | Othe liver failure | | | |
| | h) Injury due to environmental hazards | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| | Drug overdose | | | |
| | ~Severe burn | | | |
| | Hypo/hyperthermia | | | |
| | Othr poisoning | | | |
| i) | Obstetric illness | | | |

| Eclampsia/pre-eclampsia Massive obstetric haemorrhage HELLP syndrome Othe obstetric | |
|--|----|
| HELLP syndrome | |
| | |
| | |
| j) Haematology/Oncology critical illness 5 10 | 10 |
| DIC | |
| Tumour lysis syndrome | |
| Complications from bone marrow transplantion | |
| Haematological failure | |
| HITS | |
| Other haem/onc diagsosi | |
| k) Polytrauma/musculoskeletal/dermatological 5 10 | 10 |
| Severe multitrauma | |
| Severe head trauma | |
| Severe chest trauma | |
| Severe abdominal/pelvic trauma | |
| Rhabdomyolysis | |
| Severe primary dermatological disorder | |
| Othe musculoskeletal disorder | |
| I) Metabolic/endocrine/rheumatolotgy 5 10 | 10 |
| Diabetic ketoacidosis | |
| Severe hypo/hypernatraemia | |
| Severe hypo/hyperkalaemia | |
| Other severe electrolyte disorder | |
| Acute adrenal crisis | |
| Acute immune-deficiency crisis | |
| Acute thryroid emergency | |
| m) Peri-operative Care 10 25 | 25 |
| High risk surgery 5 10 | 10 |
| Cardiac surgery 2 5 | 5 |
| Neurosurgery | |
| Heart transplant | |
| Lung transplant | |
| Liver transplant | |
| | |
| 3. End of Life Care 5 10 | 10 |
| Manages the process of death, including brainstem testing 1 2 | 2 |
| Manages the discussion of the potential organ donor with the family | |
| Manages palliative care of the critically ill patient | |
| | |
| 4. Transport of the critically III patient | |
| Intra-hospital 5 5 | 5 |
| Interhospital [free text] 2 2 | 2 |

| Core P | rocedure Skill | | | |
|-----------|--|---------|----|----|
| a) Airv | vay | | | |
| | BMV | | | |
| | Intubation (in ICU) | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| | Intubations total (including from base specialty. Eg. | 100 | 5 | 5 |
| | Anaesthesiology) at end of ICM training | | | |
| | Difficult Airway | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| | Perc trach | observe | 5 | 5 |
| | | 5 | | |
| | Bronchoscopy +/- Lavage | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| b) Ven | tilation | 25 | 50 | 50 |
| | Invasive ventilation | 20 | 40 | 40 |
| | Non-invasive ventilation | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| | | | | |
| c) Vas | cular Access | | | |
| | Arterial Catheterisation | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| | Central Venous Insertion | 10 | 25 | 25 |
| | Use of Ultrasound for vascular localisation | 10 | 25 | 25 |
| | Tube thoracostomy insertion (observe/insert) | | | |
| d) Ren | al | | | |
| | Management of CRRT | 10 | 20 | 20 |
| d) Neu | ro | | | |
| | Lumbar puncture | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| | Placement/management of epidural catheter | | | |
| e) Car | diovascular | | | |
| | TOE | | | |
| | TTE | | 15 | 15 |
| | Cardiac pacing - transvenous and epicardial (observer) | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| | Cardiac pacing - transthoracic | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | Cardioversion | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| | Invasive CO monitoring | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| | Extracorporeal life support (ECLS) | | | |
| f) Gas | tro-intestinal | | | |
| | Abdominal paracentesis | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| | Insertion of Sengstaken tube or similar (observer) | | | |
| | | | | |
| Family Co | onference | | | |
| Consulta | nt led | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Self | | 2 | 5 | 5 |