



GAT Committee Statement regarding validity of CCT Exams

The GAT Committee wishes to bring the issue of validity of CCT exams to the attention of our members following the discussions generated after the recent merger of the GMC and PMETB. This debate is not over new legislation, but over the transfer of responsibility for the relevant parts of the 1983 Medical Act to the GMC following the merger. The debate made the headlines in this week's edition of the BMA News (24th April 2010):

<http://web2.bma.org.uk/nrezine.nsf/wp/RTHS-84QJN7?OpenDocument&C=24+April+2010>

As this is primarily a training issue, it is appropriate for the Royal College of Anaesthetists to take the lead for our specialty. The RCoA trainee representatives regularly update the GAT Committee regarding the RCoA response to the issues raised. The matter has been discussed at some length within the RCoA and a statement is planned for the near future.

The BMA JDC recently issued a statement which can be found at:

http://www.bma.org.uk/careers/training_trainers/jdcpositionstatementongmcstatement.jsp

Their original guidance can be seen at:

http://www.bma.org.uk/careers/training_trainers/juniordoctorexamissueguidance.jsp

The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Trainees Group has also issued a statement which can be found at:

<http://www.aomrc.org.uk/component/content/article/38-general-news/142-academy-trainee-doctors-group-statement-in-response-to-recent-gmc-note>

Please keep an eye on the RCoA website for further specialty-specific information; in the meantime if you have any questions regarding your individual circumstances may we refer you to the frequently asked questions at:

<http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/index.asp?PageID=1480>

A stakeholder meeting is planned with the GMC for June this year and further clarification may result from this.

Meanwhile, if you feel that there is any action GAT should be taking on your behalf as regards this important issue then please let us know on gat@aagbi.org

We will continue to monitor the situation and update our members as the situation develops.