

Domain 1 Patient safety

Purpose This domain is concerned with the essential safeguards on any action by trainees that affects the safety and well-being of patients.

Responsibility Training providers (hospitals and other institutions where training takes place), trainers, trainees.

Evidence Surveys, deanery quality management data, data from healthcare regulators – e.g. PMETB visits, data from other healthcare regulators.

Standards: **The duties, working hours and supervision of trainees must be consistent with the delivery of high quality, safe patient care**

There must be clear procedures to address immediately any concerns about patient safety arising from the training of doctors

Mandatory requirements

- 1.1 Trainees must make the needs of patients their first concern.
- 1.2 Trainees must be appropriately supervised according to their experience and competence.
- 1.3 Those supervising the clinical care provided by trainees must be clearly identified; competent to do so; accessible and approachable by day and by night; with time for these responsibilities clearly identified within their job plan.
- 1.4 Before seeking consent both trainee and supervisor must be satisfied that the trainee understands the proposed intervention and its risks, and is prepared to answer associated questions the patient may ask. If they are unable to do so they should have access to a supervisor with the required knowledge. Trainees must act in accordance with GMC guidance Consent: patients and doctors making decisions together (2008).
- 1.5 Shift and on-call rota patterns must be designed so as to minimise the adverse effects of sleep deprivation.
- 1.6 Trainees in hospital posts must have well-organised handover arrangements ensuring continuity of patient care at the start and end of periods of day or night duties.