TRAINING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY

Recognition

The Department of Anaesthesiology is recognised for the postgraduate studies by the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Definition

The Departmental Teaching Programme is intended to train and educate doctors as Anaesthesiologists and to prepare them for post-graduate qualifications in Anaesthesiology.

Examination and Requirement

The Faculty of Anaesthetists, Royal College of Surgeons conducts two types of examination, the Diploma of Anaesthesia (D.A.) and the Fellowship (FFARCS) examinations.

The Fellowship examination consists of two parts, Primary and Final. The Primary examination covers the Basic Sciences of Physiology, Pharmacogy, Physics, Clinical Measurement and Clinical Chemistry. The Final examination consists of the Basics of Anaesthesia, Medicine and Surgery.

The candidate can appear for the Primary examination after completing his Intership, but has to have completed four years to sit the Final examination.

Duration

The candidate has to complete two years of training in Anaesthesiology at Salmaniya Medical Centre and one year in recognised hospital in U.K.

The Trainee is expected to appear for the primary Fellowship examination one year after joining the Department. He can also

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appear for the Diploma examination after completing one year in the Department.

Courses

Primary examination is held twice yearly in London and Dublin. These examinations are preceded by refresher courses, which are of immense help to the candidate.

Organisation

The Department of Anaesthesiology has got precise training programme. It can provide training for two to four candidates at a time.

The Department has produced a programme covering the academic and practical syllabus for the examination of Primary and Final Fellowship. The Department has its own library which contains all the relevent books and current journals, all of which assist the candidate in his preparation for examination.

The academic teaching programmes of the Department are on Mondays and Thursdays from 7.30 to 8.30 a.m. and are arranged as follows:

Mondays

1st and 2nd — Principles of Anaesthesia. 3rd — Physics, Clinical Measurements and Statistics. 4th — Physiology and Pharmacology.

Thursdays

1st — Departmental Meeting. 2nd — Medicine, Surgery and Topics related to Anaesthesia.
(Speakers invited from another Department).
3rd & 4th — Journal Review.

In addition to this academic training, the trainee will be actively involved in the practical and clinical aspects of Anaesthesia and in Pre-Anaesthetic evaluation and medication of patients and in the Recovery Room.

Selection

Candidate are selected to join the Department following an interview with the Chairman.

The trainee has to have completed one year rotating residency in Surgery and Medicine prior to join the Department.

Teaching Staff

The teaching staff of the Department consists of the Chairman, three Consultants and two Chief Residents. $\Box\Box$