Trainee Publication and Presentation Policy

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the publication and presentation requirements for trainees of the Australasian College of Dermatologists.

SCOPE

The policy applies to all ACD trainees who are required to fulfill their publication requirements by the end of three years of full time training or part-time pro-rata equivalent. The policy will outline the expected publication format, the list of acceptable journals, presentation requirements and other related issues including applications for recognition of prior learning for previous publications.

DEFINITIONS/KEY WORDS/ABBREVIATIONS

Trainee refers to any person who has accepted an offer for a position in the Dermatology Training Program run by the Australasian College of Dermatologists and has paid fees.

Quality – this descriptor refers to the properties of a publication including significance, originality, commitment and clarity which are deemed adequate by the Editorial Board of the Australasian Journal of Dermatology

NExC refers to the National Education Committee

TPH refers to the Training Program Handbook – Dermatology
THE POLICY

This policy applies to all trainees who commence the Training Program Dermatology from 2014 onwards. Existing Trainees should apply to the AJD Editorial Committee to consider one of their papers or proposed papers as a quality publication as outlined in this policy. Publication and oral presentation of research is the culmination of research, critical thinking, writing and presenting skills that the training program aims to foster.

Existing trainees will still be required to complete two publications, but if their first publication is judged as sufficient quality by the AJD Editorial committee then they will not be required to complete a second paper.

1. Research requirements – publications

Trainees are required to publish (or have editorial acceptance of) ONE ‘quality’ paper in the following format:

- Original research
- Review article
- Case series with review

Work on publication and presentation requirements should be commenced early, preferably in first year, so that they can be completed in a timely manner. Trainees should attend the First Year Workshop where the Editor of the AJD will discuss a ‘quality’ paper. Trainees should also consult their CSs, SoT and any other senior Fellow (more than five years’ experience) on a regular basis to obtain feedback on the development of their publication.

When trainees have a publication accepted in a suitable peer reviewed journal, they then submit it to the Editorial Board of the AJD for determination as a ‘quality’ paper. If it is not of sufficient quality, then trainees will be required to submit and have accepted 3 minor publications. To write these in alternative formats, permission must be sought from the Publication and Presentation Review Sub-committee of the NExC.

The list of acceptable journals suitable for publication can be found on the College Website. The paper must be published or accepted for publication by the end of 3 years of full time training or part-time pro-rata equivalent. Trainees unable to meet this requirement will not be permitted to sit the Fellowship Examination.
Variations from the stipulated requirements will need written permission from the Publication and Presentation Review Sub-Committee of the NExC whose decision is final.

Research paper checklist

- The trainee must be the principal author or co-author
- The paper must be of a dermatological or related nature
- The paper must be either a single ‘quality’ paper or the pre-approved equivalent ie 3 minor papers
- Papers must be published (or accepted for publication) by the end of the 3 years of full time training or part-time equivalent
- Publication with the AJD or list of acceptable journals

Failure of a quality publication

Trainees who fail to obtain approval from the AJD Editorial Committee for a publication of sufficient quality will have to write/submit/have accepted three minor papers instead.

2. Presentations

Trainees must complete two (2) research presentations (poster, oral) during their period of training. At least one of the two presentations must be an oral presentation. Research must be presented at a scientific meeting and/or conference approved by the College (refer to the TPH)

- The ACD Annual Scientific Meeting (Registrars’ Forum or alternate session)
- The College’s Spring Meeting
- The Australasian Dermatopathology Society Conference
- The Australasian Society of Dermatology Research
- Annual New Zealand Dermatology Meeting

The work submitted for publication may serve as material for the oral/poster presentations.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Trainees may apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for previous publications if they have published a paper within 5 years prior to the year in which they start the training program.

These prior publications must be dermatological or related in nature.

Applications for RPL for previous publications must be made in writing to the Hon Sec within 6 months of the start of their training program.