

**Announcement about the position of MRCS when applying for ST2 and ST3 posts**

**NOT IRISH TRAINEES**

Following this week's meetings of the Joint Committee on Higher Surgical Training (JCHST) (which included the lead dean for selection for MMC) and of the Joint Surgical Colleges (which included the Presidents of the four surgical colleges) I can now confirm the position of the MRCS in relation to applications for run-through training in 2007 at ST2 and ST3 levels.

Any trainee applying for a run-through surgical training post in any specialty at ST3 level will have to have passed the MRCS by the time of application.

Possession of the MRCS will NOT bar a trainee from applying for a post at ST2 level.

Trainees with the MRCS will need to consider other aspects of their application when deciding on whether to apply for posts at ST2 or ST3 levels, particularly whether the competencies expected at those levels have been achieved.

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