

## CLINICAL TRAINING DURING RESEARCH POSTS

This statement sets out the policy of the Specialists Training Authority towards counting time spent on clinical duties for the requirements of a CCST as appropriate for Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. Candidates for a CCST who wish to count time spent in research towards a CCST are advised to read carefully the Paediatric Training Handbook and as guidance on training is always evolving to check the website [www.rcpch.ac.uk](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk) for updates. Specialist's registrars holding full time research posts may as part of their research also undertake clinical duties. If such clinical time spent in the research post is to count towards the CCST then the following principals must be observed and applied:

1. The clinical time must have a clear educational objective related to the training programme in paediatric gastroenterology, i.e. an endoscopy list or other GI/hepatology/nutrition investigations session, and outpatient clinic or a grand round.
2. At least two sessions per week should be spent on supervised daytime clinical duties; any less a period would not allow any realistic clinical training. Evidence of satisfactory formal assessment (RITA) of clinical training will be required.
3. No double counting of time spent in a research post will be allowed. If a candidate spends two sessions per week on clinical work with the balance of the time spent on research then the year would count as 20% clinical training and 80% research, similarly if 5 sessions per week were spent on clinical work and the remainder on research the year would count as 50% clinical training and six months would be approved as time counting towards a CCST.
4. The arrangement to count clinical training time during a period of research must be approved prospectively by the Postgraduate Dean and the CSAC in paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition for the Royal College of Paediatric Child Health.
5. These principals apply whether research is undertaken as an optional year allowed in the training programme or whether research is undertaken 'out of programme'. Trainees appointed to research posts are advised that they should obtain written prospective approval from the Regional Advisor of the proportion that will be accreditable for clinical training.