

Extract from HKAM Council Meeting dated 21 August 2003

**Guidelines for Admission of “First Fellows” in New Subspecialty**

**1. Name**

The terminology “First Fellow” will be used for the first batch of Fellows admitted in a new subspecialty.

**2. Admission Criteria**

A First Fellow must satisfy **all** of the following: -

- a) be a Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine;
- b) has satisfied the College that his training and/or clinical competence is comparable in quality and standard to be required for a Fellow in the new subspecialty;
- c) has satisfied the College that he has a minimum period of good practice in the field of the new subspecialty. The period should be twice of the duration required for a formal subspecialty training programme. The standard of such practice or supervision must be assessed as satisfactory by the College for the purpose of accreditation;
- d) has passed an assessment by the College. The assessment shall be based on criteria comparable to that required for Fellowship in the new subspecialty obtained via the approved formal training programme. The assessment should preferably be conducted by a panel consisting of at least one external independent member.

**3. Cut-off Date**

- a) Colleges should cease to admit First Fellows when their formal training programme has started; and
- b) the training programme should start within 24 months after approval of the new subspecialty by the Academy Council.

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