# Certificate of Readiness to Enter Higher Surgical Training

This certificate may be required to confirm the competences expected at completion of Core Surgical Training.

It is **NOT** required if:

1. You are currently a Core Surgical Trainee as evidenced by written confirmation from the relevant programme, have a satisfactory ARCP outcome after Core Training Year 1 and are on track to achieve a satisfactory ARCP outcome at the end of Core Training Year 2. **OR**
2. You have already completed an approved Core Surgical Training programme as evidenced by written confirmation from the relevant programme and written confirmation of a satisfactory ARCP outcome at the end of the programme

# ALL other applicants should have this certificate completed. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the application process.

Please note:

1. This certificate should only be completed and signed by consultants / specialists in independent practice in surgical specialties:
* Cardiothoracic surgery
* General surgery
* Maxillofacial surgery Neurosurgery
* Otolaryngology
* Paediatric surgery
* Plastic Surgery
* Trauma and Orthopaedics
* Urology
* Vascular surgery
1. You **MUST** be able to demonstrate ability in **ALL** the listed competences by time of application. You may ask either:
	1. one consultant / specialist to complete the **WHOLE** form or
	2. more than one consultant / specialist to complete those sections they are able to in order that the **WHOLE** form is completed
2. Consultants / specialists can only sign this form if you have worked with them for a minimum of 3 months. They should initial (**NOT TICK**) the boxes on the form
3. **ALL** sections of the form **MUST** be completed. Failure of the consultant(s) / specialist(s) to complete all the details about themselves is likely to result in you, the applicant, being **WITHDRAWN** from the selection process. **CHECK THE FORM YOURSELF**
4. Please note that applicants using the alternative certificate of core surgical training for entry into a surgical specialty will be awarded a Certificate of eligibility for specialist registration combined programme (CESR CP) rather than a Certificate of completion of training (CCT) upon successful completion of their higher specialty training programme. For more information, please refer to the GMC website:

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/registration-and-licensing/the-medical-register/a-guide-to-the-medical-register/specialist-and-gp-application-types>

# Instructions for Consultants / Specialists Completing This Form

The person asking you to complete this form is applying for Specialty Training in General Surgery and/or Vascular Surgery in the UK. In order to process their application, we need to know they have achieved the competences listed on this form to the standard expected of UK Core Surgical Training year 2 doctors.

The competences are taken from the UK General Medical Council’s principles for Good Medical Practice and from the syllabus for Core Surgical Training in the UK as detailed on the Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Programme (ISCP) website:

[www.iscp.ac.uk](http://www.iscp.ac.uk/)

Please note that the applicant has to demonstrate ALL the listed competences. If you are unable to comment on any of the competences, please leave that section blank. The applicants are instructed to have as many consultants

/ specialists as are required to contribute to this form to demonstrate they have all the competences.

*Only sign the competences that you are able to confirm. You do not need to have personally witnessed all competences but should be satisfied that any you sign off have been achieved and that there is no reason why these competences are in doubt or should prevent progress to ST3. Examples of how you can satisfy yourself about attainment of a competence include:*

o   *your own observation of them*

o   *confirmation from another supervisor that the candidate possesses the competency*

o   *(for those maintaining one) viewing their ePortfolio.*

*Any competences claimed to have been acquired during a CST programme MUST be evidenced within their ePortfolio. Alternative evidence of competence achieved and demonstrated subsequent to leaving the CST programme must be provided for any which are not recorded in the ePortfolio.*

**Please use your initials to complete those sections of the form you feel able to do so**

**Each Consultant / Specialist contributing to this form must complete their own separate declaration as failure to do so will render the applicant ineligible for this application round**

Thank you for your help.

# CONSULTANT / SPECIALIST DECLARATION

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| --- | --- |
| Your name |  |
| Professional status |  |
| Current post |  |
| Address for correspondence |  |
| Email address |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| UK GMC number |  |
| If not registered with the GMC, please give:Registration Body Registration Numberand please attach a photocopy of your registration certificate |  |

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| Applicant Name  |  |
| Applicant Specialty and Level |  |
| Dates post held (from-to) |  |
| Name of Hospital |  |
| Country  |  |

* I confirm I have viewed the ISCP website and am aware of the standards required of UK Core Surgical Training Year 2 doctors
* I confirm the applicant named above has worked for me for a minimum of 3 months
* I confirm I have personally observed the applicant demonstrating the competences listed or have reliable alternative evidence that they have achieved them

# All three boxes must be ticked

Signature……………………………..………………Initials (as used in completing the form) ………

Surgical Specialty………………………………………

Date…………………………

Official Stamp

# Professionalisms and Leadership Applicant Name…………………………………...

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| ***Please complete the boxes using your initials*** | **demonstrates** | **does not****demonstrate** | **cannot****comment** |
| 1. **Good clinical care**
 |
| Demonstrates the knowledge, skills and behaviours, to be able to carry out the following activities: |
| 1.1 history taking |  |  |  |
| 1.2 clinical examination |  |  |  |
| 1.3 making a diagnosis |  |  |  |
| 1.4 safe prescribing |  |  |  |
| 1.5 reduce the risk of cross infection |  |  |  |
| 1. **Communication**
 |
| Demonstrates the knowledge, skills and behaviours, to be able to communicate effectively in these situations: |
| 2.1 with patients |  |  |  |
| 2.2 breaking bad news |  |  |  |
| 2.3 dealing with complaints |  |  |  |
| 2.4 with colleagues |  |  |  |
| 1. **Teaching and Training**
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| * 1. Demonstrates the knowledge, skills and behaviours, to be able to teach and train a variety of health professionals
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| 1. **Keeping up to date**
 |
| 4.1 Demonstrates the knowledge, knowledge, skills and behaviours, to be able to use the following activities to improve patient care: |
| 4.2 life long learning |  |  |  |
| 4.3 guidelines and evidence |  |  |  |
| 4.4 audit |  |  |  |
| 1. **Leadership and Teamworking**
 |
| 5.1 Demonstrates effective leading of and working within teams in a medical context |  |  |  |
| 1. **Quality Improvement**
 |
| 6.1 Understands the principles of clinical governance and the processes which safeguard high standards of clinical care and which facilitate the improvement of clinical services |  |  |  |
| 1. **Health Promotion**
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| 7.1 Demonstrates the knowledge, skills and behaviours, to be able to educate patients effectively about health issues, including Dementia, Obesity, Exercise and Physical fitness. |  |  |  |
| 1. **NHS Management**
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| 8.1 Understands the structure of the NHS and the management of local health care systems in order to be able to participate fully in managing healthcare provision |  |  |  |
| 1. **Ethics and legal issues**
 |
| Understands the principles and practices involved in: |
| 9.1 medical ethics and ethical research |  |  |  |
| 9.2 obtaining valid consent |  |  |  |
| 9.3 legal framework of practice |  |  |  |
| 1. **Probity**
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| Demonstrates the highest standards of personal probity |  |  |  |

**Generic Core Surgical Skills Applicant Name…………………………………...**

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| ***Please complete the boxes using your initials*** |  **demonstrates** | **does not****demonstrate** | **cannot****comment** |
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| 1. **Management of common surgical conditions**
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| 11.1 can assess and initiate investigation and management of common surgical conditions which may confront any patient whilst under the care of surgeons, irrespective of their specialty |  |  |  |
| 11.2 sufficient knowledge of these conditions so as to know whatand to whom to refer and to be able to discuss the patient’s case knowledgeably |  |  |  |
| 1. **Perioperative Care**
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| 12.1 Pre- operative - Ability to assess and manage pre-operative risk, including cardio-respiratory function and other co-morbidities, in holistic manner |  |  |  |
| 12.2a Intra-operative – knowledge of the WHO checklist and how to implement it. |  |  |  |
| 12.2b Intra-operative – demonstrates appropriate behavior in an operating environment. |  |  |  |
| 12.3 Post- operative - Ability to manage patients post-operatively including analygesia, fluid management and initial treatment of common complications.  |  |  |  |
| 1. **Basic surgical skills**
 |
| 13.1 demonstrates appropriate behavior in an operating environment. |  |  |  |
| 13.2 Management of Asepsis |  |  |  |
| 13.3 local anesthetic  |  |  |  |
| 13.4 Incision of skin |  |  |  |
| 13.5 Closure of skin |  |  |  |
| 13.6 Using retractors |  |  |  |
| 13.7 Using drains |
| 13.8 Labelling biopsies |
| 13.9 Using a camera in surgical endoscopy |
| 1. **Critical care**
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| * 1. Trauma - ability to safely assess a patient with multiple injuries
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| 14.2 Trauma - ability to initiate management of all common injuries |  |  |  |
| 14.3 Sepsis – Resuscitation and early management of a septic patient. |  |  |  |
| 14.4 ICU – has a working knowledge of the principles of ICU |
| 1. **Paediatrics**
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| 15.1 ability to assess and initiate management of children with common surgical conditions |  |  |  |
| 15.2 understands the issues of child protection and can takeaction as appropriate |  |  |  |
| **16. The dying patient** |
| 16.1 understands the principles of palliative care and can manage a dying patient |  |  |  |
| 16.2 understands the issues surrounding a “not for resuscitation”certificate |  |  |  |
| 16.3 understands the principles of organ donation and brain stem death |  |  |  |