

## **PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINEESHIP FOR MEDICAL SPECIALISTS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Clinical specialists with an interest and aptitude for preventive medicine and population health have the potential to contribute both in their clinical specialty and on a broader level.

The Specialists Accreditation Board has approved a scheme which allows specialists in clinical disciplines to enter Public Health training at an appropriate entry point and to fulfill requirements for accreditation as a Public Health specialist, in addition to their original clinical specialty.

Potential areas of work for dually-accredited specialists may include, for example;

- a. Infectious disease control (population- or health-care institution-based)
- b. Health services research into outcome of care and other areas with potential impact on practice
- c. Community paediatrics, community geriatrics, rehabilitative cardiology, primary care (including preventive services for special populations e.g. adolescents, mothers and children)
- d. Medical services administration (e.g. clinical specialists undertaking public health related work in the SAF, MOH, HSA, HPB)
- e. Clinical preventive services for high risk groups (e.g. within the national eye, heart and cancer centres)

### **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

The trainee will complete an equivalent of two years' full-time experience in public health in recognized training sites under supervision, and maintain a portfolio in order to be eligible to sit for the exit interview. The exit interview / assessment will be conducted in accordance with current practice.

Clinical specialists with more than five years' experience and who have demonstrated significant contribution to public health in their fields may have this requirement reduced or waived on a case-by-case basis by the Specialist Training Committee, subject to JCST's review and approval.

### **APPLICATION**

Clinical specialists applying for entry into the advanced years of Public Health training must submit the following, in addition to those stipulated in the general call letter:

1. Exit certification and/or proof of SMC specialist registration
2. Short write-up detailing Public Health experience or involvement in current practice (Minimum 0.4 FTE in public health –related practice)

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