



Confirmation of routes to FRCPATH Part 2 examination in Molecular Pathology

An FRCPATH Part 1 examination in the Molecular Pathology of Acquired Disease, mapped to the HSST Curriculum for Molecular Pathology of Acquired Disease, will be made available for the first time in spring 2016, and thereafter once a year in the spring. An FRCPATH Part 2 examination will be introduced within the next three years, primarily to meet the needs of the HSST curriculum, but available also to other candidates.

For a transitional period, clinical scientists not in an HSST programme, who are working in the field of molecular pathology and who passed the FRCPATH Part 1 examination in the related specialties of Genetics, Haematology or Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics before spring 2017, will be permitted to proceed to the FRCPATH Part 2 examination in the Molecular Pathology of Acquired Disease, within seven years of their FRCPATH Part 1 pass.

HSST trainees following the Molecular Pathology of Acquired Disease must gain FRCPATH by passing both parts of the Molecular Pathology examination. Similarly, HSST trainees in Genetics, Haematology or Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics must also pass both parts of the FRCPATH in their HSST specialty.

Potential candidates are advised to determine, in consultation with their sponsor, that they have had a breadth of experience and access to learning outcomes that are equivalent to those of Stage 2 of the Molecular Pathology of Acquired Disease curriculum.

An FRCPATH Part 1 examination in Molecular Pathology of Infection will be introduced at a later date and it is anticipated that similar transitional arrangements will apply for similarly related specialties.

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