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**From: Board of Censors**  
**To: All Accident and Medical trainees**  
**Re: New Accident and Medical training pathway**

Dear Doctor,

The Medical Council has approved an AMPA proposal to change the A&M training programme from 2012. AMPA believes the change will cut out much repeated material, and give a simpler and shorter path to Fellowship. AMPA now teaches the 'core' clinical A&M topics.

This may mean a change to your study requirements for Fellowship, or that you now have a new choice.

Most affected trainees will fall into the one of three categories, depending on the year in which they complete the AMCC.

AMPA's required study component for Fellowship for each category is as follows:

**1) 2012 AMCC students - new pathway\***

Complete the following:

- 2012 AMCC
- Three\* Diploma of Community Emergency Care papers
  - a) Paediatrics 714
  - b) \*POPLHLTH 709 - Clinical Epidemiology and Evidence-based Healthcare
  - c) One paper of the trainee's choice from the following:
    - \*POPLHLTH 701 - Research Methods in Health.
    - \*POPLHLTH 721 - Health Management.
    - \*POPLHLTH 722 - Health Care Organisation.

\*Please note: The University of Auckland has not yet finalised the 'POPLHLTH' papers for 2012. The final number and choice of papers AMPA requires for Fellowship may differ. AMPA will confirm the number and choice of papers once the University finalises them.

Paediatrics 714 will almost certainly be included.

**2) 2010-2011 AMCC students - new OR old pathway**

There are two choices:

- A) Old pathway - AMPEX plus PGDipCEM
- B) New pathway - AMCC plus a 'catchup' module, AMPEX, plus three Diploma papers per 1) above.

The catchup module is planned for 2012. It will contain the material that is in the 2012 AMCC but not in the 2010/2011 AMCC, including:

- Additional reading - approximately 50 papers.
- Specialist clinic attendances - approximately 20, mainly hosted in A&M Clinics.
- Additional trauma and communication weekend course.
- One additional lecture on Organisational Issues in A&M.
- Assessment.

AMPA may give credit for students who have already done the Immediate Care paper, specialist clinic attendances or Organisational Issues as part of the Diploma.

2010-2011 trainees who have completed 6-7 Diploma papers will probably find completing the Diploma the simpler path to Fellowship.

2010-2011 trainees who have completed 0-3 Diploma papers will probably find the new pathway simpler.



For 2010-2011 trainees who have completed 4-5 Diploma papers, the simpler path will depend on what papers they have already done. For example, those who have done none of the 'new pathway' papers above may prefer to complete the Diploma. Those who have done all three would only have to complete the 'catchup' module, and may prefer the new pathway.

In all cases, the choice is up to the trainee.

Please call or email me if you would like to discuss.

### **3) 2009 or earlier AMCC students - old pathway OR case-by-case assessment for new pathway**

AMPA substantially revised the AMCC in 2010. The 'catchup' module above may not be enough for doctors who did the AMCC in 2009 or earlier.

Most doctors in this category have completed or are close to completing the PGDipCEM, and AMPA expects the simplest route to Fellowship will be to complete the PGDipCEM.

Please call or email me if you have not completed much of the Diploma and / or would like to use the new path to Fellowship. AMPA will consider each such trainee case-by-case.

AMPA proposed the new training programme to Council because we think it will be simpler and better, and vest more control over training with AMPA. Most Colleges control their own training.

It is a significant change, and Council examined our proposal very closely, asking AMPA for more details. The process took over a year.

After AMPA proposed its changes to Council, the University coincidentally made big changes to the Diploma course, which are even now not finalised.

Up until two years ago, the path to Fellowship was straightforward, but for the past two years, it has been uncertain. AMPA regrets this, and any problems it has caused trainees.

If you have any questions or think your situation is not covered, or are not sure what to do, please email or, preferably, call me on the numbers below.

With best wishes,

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