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What are the Practical Oncology Experience Assessments?
The Practical Oncology Experience (POE) are designed as quarantined time in which the trainee undertakes a particular practical activity. The POE’s are mainly observational and are designed to give the trainee an opportunity to gain practical understanding of the technical aspects of Radiation Oncology. There are three Practical Oncology Experiences: Treatment Machines, Radiation Treatment Planning and Oncology Imaging.

Who should be Asked to be an Assessor?
The POE’s require sign-off at each session from an appropriate health professional as follows:

- Treatment Machines: Radiation Therapist or Consultant Oncologist
- Radiation Treatment Planning: Radiation Therapist or Consultant Oncologist
- Oncology Imaging: Consultant Radiologist or session teacher

How Should it Work?
The Director of Training (DoT) may need to assist the trainee to arrange times for the POE’s.

Trainees will need protected time to satisfy the POE requirements. This means that trainees should not be rostered to cover any clinical duties during these sessions. Trainees should also not be interrupted by pager or phone calls during the POE.

What do I do with the Form?
The trainee should get sign-off from the appropriate supervising health professional at the end of each session. Trainees should also complete the appropriate log sheet for each experience.

The trainee must sign and date the declaration upon completion of the POE requirement. The Trainee will then need to obtain the Director of Training’s approval by getting them to sign and date the logbook.

How to Submit the Assessment?
The POE logbooks and further instructions can be found on the College website.

The Trainee is to retain the completed assessment and return to the College by 31 January 2022 together with other completed assessments using the Training Assessment Summary Submission Form.

Feedback
Feedback in the POE’s is envisaged as part of the continual engagement in teaching and learning rather than provided as a formal session.
The DoT assists the trainee to arrange protected time to complete the Practical Oncology Experience.

The trainee attends the Practical Oncology Experience sessions.

The trainee completes the log sheet and obtains sign-off from the appropriate supervising health professional at the end of each session.

The trainee must also sign and date the declaration upon completion of the Practical Oncology Experience requirement.

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