POSTGRADUATE SURGICAL TRAINING IN THE BIRMINGHAM REGION

TRAINING ACTIVITIES for surgical registrars are arranged by a Committee formed in 1964 which meets once or twice a year under the Chairmanship of the Regional Adviser, with the R.C.S. Tutor as Secretary. It comprises representatives or Assistant Surgical Tutors from each of the Hospital Groups in the Region. One of its main current activities is an investigation of the career prospects of all senior house officers and surgical registrars in the Region in order to find out the facts about the 'registrar problem'. It works in conjunction with the Board of Graduate Studies at the Medical School. The 12 senior surgical registrars have been appointed to a rotation scheme for the past 10 years comprising two years at the United Birmingham Hospitals, two years at District General Hospitals and one year 'off duty' for special experience or research.

Two Final Fellowship Courses have been running for some years, each for half-a-day a week through the year. In Birmingham the Course is held in turn at the District General Hospitals, the University Teaching Hospitals and the Specialist Hospitals, offering a comprehensive programme over a two-year period. The second course is held at the new Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry. These courses have proved their worth by enabling many registrars to pass their Fellowship. Consideration is now being given to starting a course for the Primary Fellowship on a day-a-week basis for a limited period.

A rotation scheme for Senior House Officers and Registrars between the United Birmingham Hospitals and the District General Hospitals in Birmingham over two years has been started this year to lead up to the F.R.C.S. examination. It is the intention for these trainees to do a third year as registrar at a peripheral general hospital.

A Surgical Diary is printed annually and distributed to all consultants and surgical trainees, containing all training activities in the Region both of local and regional interest.

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