

# MMed Orthopaedics

## MMed (Orthop)

### *Specific admission requirements*

This programme does not have specific admission requirements. The general admission requirements for MMed programmes as mentioned in section 5.3.1 above:

- Recommendations for appointment of registrars include the following:
  - successful completion of examination of the College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA) (FC Orth(SA) Primary);
  - at least 18 months' experience in Orthopaedics under supervision of a specialist, after completion of community service;
  - appropriate diplomas, for instance ATLS and Basic Surgical Principles; and
  - a basic research project on an orthopaedic topic and/or a Diploma in Orthopaedics.

### *Duration of programme*

The programme extends over five years.

### *Programme content*

#### **Primary**

Anatomical Pathology	874(25)
Anatomy	875(25)
Physiology	874(25)
Orthopaedic Surgery (Intermediate)	871(100)
Orthopaedic Surgery	873(185)
Research Assignment	825(120)

### *Assessment and examination*

#### **Primary**

- A written paper and oral examination for the Anatomical Pathology 874 module.
- Examinations for the Anatomy 875 and Physiology 874 modules are conducted by the College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of the CSA (FS Orth(SA) Primary).
- You must obtain a mark of at least 50% to pass a module and 75% to pass a module with distinction.
- You must pass all three primary modules (Anatomical Pathology 874, Anatomy 875 and Physiology 874) either before registration for the MMed (Orthop) programme or within 12 months of registration.
- If you do not meet this requirement, you may be excluded from the rest of the MMed (Orthop) programme.
- Only in exceptional cases, and with the submission of an appropriate motivation, will the Postgraduate Programme Committee of the Division of Orthopaedics consider continuation of your service in a registrar post and further attendance of the programme.

#### **Intermediate**

- A written paper and oral examination for the Pathology component of the Orthopaedic Surgery (Intermediate) module.
- The examination for Orthopaedic Surgery 871 module is conducted by the College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of the CMSA (FC Orth(SA) Intermediate).
- You must obtain a mark of at least 50% to pass the module and 75% to pass the module with distinction.
- You must pass the intermediate module within 30 months of registration as a registrar in Orthopaedics.
- If you do not meet this requirement, you may be excluded from the rest of the MMed (Orthop) programme.
- Only in exceptional cases, and with the submission of an appropriate motivation, will the Postgraduate Programme Committee of the Division consider continuation of your service in a registrar post and further attendance of the programme.

### **Final examination**

- The HPCSA requires that you successfully complete the national exit examination of the College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (CMSA) to register as a specialist.
- The Division accepts this examination as equivalent to and in place of the MMed (Orthop) final examination.
- It, however, remains the responsibility of the head of the Division to confirm the following:
  - successful completion of clinical training time;
  - completion of a comprehensive logbook;
  - successful completion of the research assignment according to the regulations of the University in this regard; and
  - successful completion of flexible assessment.
- For admission to the single national exit examination of the College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (CMSA), you must have successfully completed the following:
  - the primary examination of the College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (CMSA); and
  - the intermediate examination College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of the CMSA.
- The minimum pass mark for the final examination is 50%, and you must obtain 75% to pass the examination with distinction.
- You must successfully complete the final examination within 60 months of registration as a registrar in Orthopaedics.
- If you do not meet this requirement, you must vacate the registrar post and you will be excluded from the rest of the MMed (Orthop) programme.
- Only in exceptional cases, and with the submission of an appropriate motivation, will the Postgraduate Programme Committee of the Division consider continuation of your service in a registrar post and further attendance of the programme.

### **Research assignment**

- You must complete an assignment as a study project that forms part of the final assessment for the MMed (Orthop) degree.
- The protocol for the assignment must be approved by the Postgraduate Programme Committee of the Division and the relevant faculty structures not later than 18 months after commencement of service as a registrar.
- The assignment must be successfully completed not later than 48 months after

commencement of service as a registrar.

- The assignment is assessed and approved by both internal and external examiners.
- You must obtain a mark of at least 50% to pass the assignment, and at least 75% to pass with distinction.

#### **Exit criteria**

- The final mark for the MMed (Orthop) programme is calculated as the average of the marks for the respective modules, the assignment and the final examination.
- You must achieve a final mark of at least 50% to obtain the MMed (Orthop) degree, and at least 75% to pass the degree with distinction.

#### ***Enquiries***

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