

Breast Surgery Associate Surgical Specialty Lead - Role Description

The Royal College of Surgeons of England, with support from partners, launched the RCS Surgical Trials Initiative in December 2012. To date, Surgical Specialty Leads (SSLs) have been appointed across most specialties and seven Surgical Trials Centres have been recruited and form the core of the initiative. Since launch, one of the overriding objectives of the initiative has been to develop resident doctor involvement in surgical clinical research by engaging with residents, supporting resident doctor research collaboratives and hosting numerous events across all specialties. The SSLs will be responsible for leading and carrying out the recruitment process for the Associate Surgical Specialty Lead (Associate SSL), in their specialty. The post-holder will work closely with the Breast Surgery SSLs to develop and deliver surgical breast cancer research. This is a unique opportunity for a resident doctor or new consultant to be involved in this successful initiative and have the opportunity to shape the course of research in their breast surgery.

Opportunity

1. An opportunity for a breast surgery resident or new consultant within 2 years of appointment to learn about trial design, conduct and delivery
2. aSSL to attend SSL meetings in London and where appropriate, joint SSL and Surgical Trials Centre meetings
3. aSSL to be party to correspondence re SSL work
4. aSSL to be on a trial management group/steering committee
5. Expenses will be paid by SSL allocation
6. aSSL to be co-applicant on a new grant
7. To liaise with surgical clinical trial units and research design service
8. To champion work with other resident doctors

Requirements

1. Resident to have an NTN or applicant to be a new consultant within 2 years of appointment
2. Appointee to liaise with collaboratives within their field to co-ordinate pre-trial work to inform new trials
3. Appointee to work with at least one trial
4. Appointee to attend meetings and consider attendance at systematic review meetings
5. To apply and work with the RCS opportunities for systematic reviews
6. Demonstration of ability to team work with other residents, and create or re-enforce established resident research networks
7. To support the RCS Surgical Trials Initiative
8. Act as a focus to promote research opportunities amongst resident including funding and training opportunities