

# Study leave Policy and Guidance to Foundation Programme Trainees June 2009



You are eligible for five days study leave per year. A minimum of an additional 10 days study leave will be used for a formal educational programme in generic training and other aspects of F2 training.

This could include:

- participation in interactive sessions and attending formally arranged activities such as presentations from outside speakers
- simulation programmes
- advanced life support (ALS) training
- undertaking a clinical audit project within an interprofessional action learning team.

You can use the remaining five days to learn about different clinical specialties. For example, you could do experiential placements on special interest or embedded 'taster' programmes. This gives you the chance to explore different career opportunities as well as to develop an understanding of how the specialty contributes to patient care.

Study leave is used to provide education and training not easily achieved in the clinical setting. It should not be used to support specialist examinations. Specialist exams are changing and new methods of selection into specialty training are being developed.

You should plan your study leave as far in advance as possible. It is an integral part of your education and training. Your educational supervisor will work with you to decide how your leave can be used most effectively.

