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Fellowship details: St. Mark’s currently has 4 “Fellowship” level positions comprising 1 Ethicon Endo-Surgery Laparoscopic Fellowship which is restricted to laparoscopic surgery but provides a high volume of cases particularly pelvic procedures (AR, APER and pouches), and 3 traditional Resident Surgical Officer (RSO) posts. The RSO posts rotate through the firms (the precise rotation is tailored to trainee requirements) providing wide experience in colorectal surgery. Specifically:
- Intestinal Failure Unit (1 of 2 national units)
- Ileal pouch surgery – highest volume centre in the UK
- Recurrent/advance pelvic malignancy
- Pelvic Floor – SNS training, anorectal lab
- Anal cancer centre
- Largest polyposis/HNPCC registry worldwide (exposure to approx. 600 polyposis outpatient visits per year)
- Major tertiary anal fistula practice
- The RSO exposed to MDT’s and specialist clinics including: Anal Cancer MDT, Colorectal Cancer MDT (mostly tertiary referrals), Complex Cancer Clinic (with Urology, gynaecology, orthopaedic and plastics input), IBD, Pelvic floor and Intestinal Failure MDT’s.

Weekly timetable: This varies with the post, but all RSO’s do at least 1 full day operating (the Lap fellow does 3) and ½ day colonoscopy and 1 – 2 outpatient clinics per week.

On call commitment: One in 6 on call from home for colorectal cover only

Details of trainers: Robin Phillips
John Northover
Robin Kennedy
Ian Jenkins
Carolynne Vaizey
Sue Clark (Educational Supervisor)
Jawinda Warusavitarne

Supervision: The RSO’s meet with Sue Clark for initial discussion and completion of learning objectives and educational contract. There are mid term and end of placement reviews.
**Research Experience:** This is a very active research unit. Most RSO’s complete at least one paper whilst on the unit.

**Other information:** The workload across the unit is shared by the Laparoscopic Fellow, the 3 RSO’s, 1 North West Thames SPR and 1 Australasian trainee. The unit has a track record of training over many years. A recent London Deanery visit was highly complementary of Peri/Post CCT training.