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## **UKITE EDITOR – All sub specialties**

### **Background**

UKITE (UK and Ireland In-Training Examination) is an online annual assessment that allows trainees of all grades to practice for Part 1 of the FRCS (Tr and Orth) examination, with similar formatted questions and based on the Trauma and Orthopaedic Curriculum.

Examination questions are prepared to a similar standard as the Part 1 FRCS (Tr and Orth). The editorial processes are key to ensuring adequate high level questions are available for exam use each year. The UKITE Clinical Lead has overall responsibility for the questions in the examination, and is supported by a group of UKITE Lead Specialty Editors and UKITE Editors.

We are very keen to ensure that BOA appointments are as diverse as the population they represent and we strongly encourage women and those from minority groups to apply for the current roles.

### **Role**

UKITE Editors are expected to contribute to the process of authoring and editing questions for use in the annual UKITE. Appointed Editors are allocated a number of questions from a sub specialty topic to review, and/or are requested to author a number of new questions. Questions should be authored/edited in line with best practice guidance. Questions should then be submitted for review by the Lead Specialty Editor for the relevant sub specialty topic. Lead Specialty Editors may then request further editing of a submitted question.

The question review and editorial processes take place on the BOA question writing platform and there are no routine face-to-face meetings for this role.

All Editors must treat any examination content confidentially.

Newly appointed Editors and Lead Specialty Editors will be provided with training and guidance on best practice question production and the use of the BOA software for all question authoring/editing and reviews. Support is available from the BOA UKITE Team.

### **Time commitment**

Availability to author/edit questions ahead of the annual UKITE sitting, using the BOA online question writing platform. Questions can be contributed throughout the year, but it is likely that the majority of time will be in the months June – November, leading up to the annual UKITE delivery.

### **Duration of appointment**

Most appointments are for a period of three years. If an Editor can no longer commit the time needed for the role before the three year appointment has finished, BOA asks that notice is provided as soon as possible (and ideally by June each year) to allow a replacement to be identified.

Should an Editor fail to contribute in the expected way, BOA reserves the right to end an appointment early.

### **Person Specification**



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- Preferably post FRCS surgeons (within the last three years), including SAS surgeons and trainees (applications also accepted from pre-FRCS surgeons)
- Must have a license to practise
- Confirmed special interest in sub specialty for which they will be editing questions
- BOA member
- Not currently on the question writing panel for FRCS T&O

Previous experience of authoring exam questions is not required, however this would be beneficial.

Applicants can submit a CV and covering letter detailing how they meet the criteria listed here and indicating which sub-specialty area(s) they are applying for to [UKITE@boa.ac.uk](mailto:UKITE@boa.ac.uk)

Appointments are determined on the basis of requirement/suitability and are approved by the BOA UKITE Clinical Lead and the BOA Education and Careers Committee. Appointed Editors will be required to confirm that they agree to the non-disclosure of exam content and confidentiality agreements.