To whom it may concern,

Re: Foundation doctor survey on ophthalmoscopy

This survey has been produced in collaboration with and approved by the Royal College of Ophthalmologists and aims to assess all new Foundation Year 2 doctors - their current attitudes and experiences of ophthalmoscopy during medical school and the impact and experiences gathered during Foundation Year 1.

Rationale

Ophthalmoscopy is a core clinical skill and is part of the Foundation Programme Curriculum. Recently there has been much debate regarding undergraduates and junior doctors undertaking ophthalmoscopy. Experiences during medical school and foundation years are crucial in developing a skill that is important for all aspects of clinical medicine in diagnosing potentially life-threatening diseases. Despite this ophthalmoscopy remains poorly developed and experience often varies between areas and as such the Royal College of Ophthalmologists have aimed to place more emphasis on ophthalmoscopy and training both at the undergraduate and postgraduate level.

This survey will explore the current climate of attitudes and experience of ophthalmoscopy during medical school and Foundation Year 1 and also seek to find out whether there are any barriers to its development in order for us deal with these on local/national levels.

National recruitment into this survey is key to assessing all areas of the UK to developing results indicative of all foundation trainees.

How will the data be used?

The survey will be available online via SurveyMonkey. The data will be analysed numerically and thematically where comments were asked for, and also for individual Deaneries (LETB)/Medical Schools. All findings will be presented to the Royal College of Ophthalmologists Education Committee and distributed to all Deaneries (LETB)/Medical Schools involved highlighting the key messages and future actions to be taken. The data will also be presented at The Royal College of Ophthalmologists Annual Congress and potentially published.

We would be grateful for your cooperation with this survey and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
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References


