

Eye-Site



An engaging and interactive e-learning resource supporting Ophthalmology training and continual professional development

This document provides a brief summary of the Eye-Site project, which is being developed by the Royal College of Ophthalmologists in collaboration with DH e-Learning for Healthcare, to provide e-learning for ophthalmology trainees.

Eye-Site is intended to complement and support existing teaching initiatives rather than replace them. Eye-Site will contain 300 interactive knowledge sessions, for use independently, or by blending e-learning content with local, regional or national delivery of skills-focused courses. The knowledge sessions will be augmented by other materials suitable to support face to face courses, and additional evidence based learning.

Eye-Site's content is mapped to the Royal College of Ophthalmologists' curriculum for postgraduate training in Ophthalmology (<http://curriculum.rcophth.ac.uk/>). Initially, Eye-Site e-learning materials will focus on supporting trainees in years 1 - 3 of their run-through postgraduate training, with a plan to support subspecialty training in a later phase.

The first e-learning sessions to be released include Clinical Assessment, Refraction (testing for spectacles and other vision aids), Laser (including safety aspects), Ophthalmic Public Health, and Microsurgery skills. The next group includes Imaging, Basic Sciences and Cataract Surgery.

Eye-Site includes an online information resource – Ophthalmopaedia. This is an encyclopaedia written by the community under editorial control. Articles will be succinct and up to date. Each will be 'owned' by the author who will maintain the accuracy of the material. Additional media may be submitted for addition to an article via the author and will be displayed in 'Galleries'. A rich historical section is in development. The Ophthalmopaedia will form a growing expert knowledge base.

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists is also supporting the development of the Validated Case Archive (VCA), to provide a peer reviewed archive of unusual and interesting cases, in addition to cases illustrating more routine pathology. The VCA will enable trainees to build on the knowledge provided in Eye-Site and practise their diagnostic and management skills in a safe environment. In the future, the college hopes to use the VCA to facilitate case based discussions, virtual classroom delivery and scenario based teaching.

Eye-Site will be made available free of charge to all ophthalmologists in the UK. It is anticipated that potential users will be able to register for Eye-Site during 2010.

For further information visit www.eye-site.org.uk



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