



INTERN YEAR

Must consist of **twelve consecutive months**

At least 3 months medicine in general

At least 3 months surgery in general

Generally 6 month's medicine in general and 6 month's surgery in general

You may also choose a minimum of two months and a maximum of four months in:

- ✓ Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- ✓ Paediatrics
- ✓ General Practice
- ✓ Emergency Medicine
- ✓ Psychiatry
- ✓ Peri-operative Medicine (Anaesthesia)
- ✓ Radiology

What else can you expect during your Intern Year?

- Satisfactory teaching environment
- Balance of formal and informal education and training
- Appropriate levels of responsibility
- Dignity at work
- Academic and pastoral support
- Feedback and assessment

Ethical issues to be aware of:

- Acting above and below grade
- Taking consent
- Bullying
- Poor quality of education
- Health and personal problems
- Seeing / being involved in unacceptable incidents / practices

Reforms of the Intern Year being implemented include:

- The establishment of intern training networks
- The development and delivery of agreed educational programmes for internship training
- The introduction of a modular structure and new specialties to the intern year
- The establishment of a national application system and matching system for intern posts
- Curricular reform
- European Working Time Directive compliance

For more information:

- Refer to the HSE document Ireland's Interns 2010, available below.

[Ireland's Interns 2010, A Guide to Application and Appointment to Intern Training in Ireland 2010. Part 1](#)

[Ireland's Interns 2010, A Guide to Application and Appointment to Intern Training in Ireland 2010. Part 2](#)