

Training in Gastroenterology in Iraq

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To become gastroenterologist in Iraq ,one has to be an internist first , the later involve residency program in teaching hospitals for at least four years, passing written, oral and clinical examination as well as submission of thesis on one of a medical problem. when all these requirements are fulfilled successfully, the candidate will be board certified in internal medicine, the candidate then will be eligible to enter gastroenterology training.

The curriculum for gastroenterology training include:-

1. Three years of full time residency during which the candidate will be responsible for patients care in the outpatients and in the gastroenterology wards .
2. The candidate is expected to be actively involved in medical meeting , radiology meeting , journal clubs , death conference & histopathology meeting .
3. The candidate should submit a thesis on one of the gastroenterological problem .
4. The candidate is expected to perform the following procedures during his training:-

 Upper GI endoscopy	150
 Variceal sclerotherapy	20
 Band ligation	30
 Rigid procto sigmoidoscopy	10
 Flexible sigmoidoscopy	100
 Total colonoscopy	50
 ERCP	70
 - Diagnostic	20
 -Therapeutic	50
 Liver biopsy	30
 Diagnostic laparoscopy	20