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TRAINEES' VIEW OF TRAINING IN UROGYNAECOLOGY DURING THE CORE TRAINING PERIOD- A SURVEY

Hypothesis / aims of study

To assess the perception of the trainees about their training experience in management of female pelvic floor dysfunction disorders during their core training period

Study design, materials and methods

An online questionnaire survey was performed in March 2009 amongst trainees currently registered with a deanery, using a web based survey tool called 'survey monkey'. The questionnaire consisted of a set of ten questions and aimed at determining the trainees' perception regarding their individual exposure to the management of pelvic floor dysfunction problems during their core training period only.

Results

A total of 122 trainees were contacted out of which 57(47%) responded. Analysis of the survey demonstrated that 66% of the trainees considered their training in Urodynamics to be either average or poor while 14% did not have any training at all. Regarding prolapse surgical training only 29% of the trainees were satisfied and 60% had inadequate exposure to anti-incontinence procedures. 43% considered academic activities were not satisfactory.

Interpretation of results

94% of trainees felt overall further training was necessary. About 75% of trainees felt dissatisfied with their training in prolapse surgery. Most of the trainees need more exposure to urodynamics and incontinence surgical procedures during their core training period.

Concluding message

There is a strong feeling amongst the current trainees that more exposure and training in Urogynaecological procedures is required during their core training period for them to feel comfortable in vaginal surgery. This is particularly important now in view of reduction in working hours. This should be appropriately addressed to prepare competent pelvic surgeons of tomorrow and also to make this subspecialty an attractive career option.

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