

**2026 NATIONAL SELECTION
ST4 THORACIC SURGERY
SELF ASSESSMENT SCORES AND DESCRIPTORS**

Domain	Scores								Notes and specific evidence required to support self assessment score
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	Range	
Domain 1: Undergraduate and Post graduate									
Undergraduate and Post graduate qualifications	MBBS, MD as primary qualification, MRCS	Bachelor degrees, BA, BEng, LIB, BMedSci (not intercalated)	MSc and equivalent (MSc in Medical education or PG Cert do not score in this section)	MS or MCh (UK), MPhil	MD (UK) or PhD	Doctorate degree (MD or PhD) in Thoracic themed topic		0 - 5	No multiplier on this section.
Post Graduate Prizes	No Evidence	Post-graduate First prize at regional scientific meeting (Only first prize scores, no score for runner up etc.)	Post-graduate First prize at National or International scientific meeting (Only first prize scores, no score for runner up etc.)	Post-graduate First prize at National or International scientific meeting in Thoracic theme (Only first prize scores, no score for runner up etc.)				0 - 6	Only post graduate Prizes will score in this section.

Domain 2: Presentations and Publications								
Presentations	Departmental presentations	1 or more regional presentation	1 or more poster presentations at national or international meetings	Personally delivered 1 to 2 oral presentation(s) as the podium presenter at a national or international society involving a major personal commitment	Personally delivered 1 to 2 oral presentation(s) on a thoracic surgical theme as the podium presenter at a national or international society involving a major personal commitment	Personally delivered 3 or more distinct oral presentation(s) on a thoracic surgical theme as the podium presenter at a national or international society involving a major personal commitment		0 - 6
Publications	Letter to editor Abstract E-comments Pay to publish journal articles	Co-author for 1 to 4 peer-reviewed publications (listed in PubMed) or published book chapter(s) <u>NB</u> Joint first authorship would only be accepted and scored when it is clearly stated by the publishing journal.	Co-author for 5 or more peer-reviewed publications (listed in PubMed) or published book chapters OR Author or editor of a relevant textbook OR First author for 1 to 2 peer-reviewed publication (listed in PubMed) <u>NB</u> Joint first authorship would only be accepted	First author for 1-2 peer-reviewed publications (listed in PubMed) on a Thoracic Theme <u>NB</u> Joint first authorship would only be accepted and scored when it is clearly stated by the publishing journal.	First author for 3 or more peer-reviewed publications (listed in PubMed) on a Thoracic Theme <u>NB</u> Joint first authorship would only be accepted and scored when it is clearly stated by the publishing journal.			0 - 6
								Screenshot from PubMed to be provided when uploading evidence to the Self Assessment portal. If a publication is not retrievable on PubMed it will not score.

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Domain 3: Teaching									
Teaching Experience	Ad hoc teaching commitment (<i>i.e. less than monthly for at least 6 months duration</i>) Talks given to members of the public	Evidence of regular teaching commitment to clinical professionals e.g. medical students, nurses etc. (<i>minimum frequency of monthly for at least 6 months duration</i>)	Formal teaching qualification: MSc in Medical education or PG Cert in education of at least 12 months duration		Formal teaching role for 12 months or more e.g. anatomy demonstrator, Lecturer (<i>minimum 50% WTE for at least 12 months duration</i>)			0 - 5	Applicants should upload evidence in form of contract to the Self Assessment portal. The contract must specify the number of hours worked per week and be signed by the HR department to score . Points will only be awarded for posts which are 80% or more completed by the 31/12/2025.
Involvement in Teaching courses	None	Evidence of involvement in running a thoracic themed training course	Faculty on a regional thoracic themed training course	Faculty on a National / International thoracic themed training course	Faculty on a National / International thoracic themed training course with 25 delegates or more (Must have more than 25 delegates to score 4 points. Less than this for a National /			0 - 5	Points will only be awarded if there is a clear document from the course organiser showing the nature of the course and the applicant's role as well as feedback from the course and details of numbers of attendees

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					international course scores 3 points)				
Domain 4: Quality Improvement Project (QIP) / Audit									
Quality Improvement Project (QIP) / Audit	Participation in QI / clinical audit e.g. data collection -audit project commenced but not yet completed	Completed one or more Quality Improvement Project OR Completed one or more audit project(s) but the loop is yet to be closed	Leadership in the design, conduct, and presentation of 2 or more completed QI / clinical audit project(s) registered with audit department OR Leadership and completion of 1 closed loop audit cycle registered with audit department (<i>i.e. completed both audit AND re-audit</i>)	Leadership and completion of 2 or more closed loop audit cycle registered with audit department (<i>i.e. completed both audit AND re-audit</i>) OR Leadership and completion of 1 closed loop audit cycle on a thoracic theme registered with audit department (<i>i.e. completed both audit AND re-audit</i>)	Leadership and completion of 2 or more closed loop audit cycle on a thoracic theme registered with audit department (<i>i.e. completed both audit AND re-audit</i>)			0 - 6	A document including the below bullet points should be submitted alongside evidence of Quality Improvement Project(s) / Audit(s) to the Self Assessment portal: • Title and reasons for choice • Aim • Method of baseline data collection • Method of data collection after change implemented • Method of planning and implementing changes • Stakeholder engagement • Evaluation of results and plan for maintaining changes • Reflection on learning This document should also be signed off by the Consultant Supervisor.

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Domain 5: Operative Skills									
Basic Thoracic Operative Skills		How many of the following procedures have you performed in total as primary operating surgeon via a VATS / robotic or open approach? - Lung biopsy, wedge resection, pleural biopsy, pneumothorax surgery	How many of the following procedures have you performed in total as primary operating surgeon via a VATS / robotic or open approach? - Lung biopsy, wedge resection, pleural biopsy, pneumothorax surgery	How many of the following procedures have you performed in total as primary operating surgeon via a VATS / robotic or open approach? - Lung biopsy, wedge resection, pleural biopsy, pneumothorax surgery	How many of the following procedures have you performed in total as primary operating surgeon via a VATS / robotic or open approach? - Lung biopsy, wedge resection, pleural biopsy, pneumothorax surgery	How many of the following procedures have you performed in total as primary operating surgeon via a VATS / robotic or open approach? - Lung biopsy, wedge resection, pleural biopsy, pneumothorax surgery		0-5	No multiplier on this section. All evidence needs to be in a consolidated logbook, with a breakdown of type of procedures and signed off by a consultant surgeon/s as accurate and dated.
		0-5	6-15	16-25	26-40	41+			
Anatomical Lung Resections			How many anatomical lung resections have you performed as primary operating surgeon by any approach?	How many anatomical lung resections have you performed as primary operating surgeon by any approach?	How many anatomical lung resections have you performed as primary operating surgeon by any approach?	How many anatomical lung resections have you performed as primary operating surgeon by any approach?	How many anatomical lung resections have you performed as primary operating surgeon by any approach?	0-6	No multiplier on this section. All evidence needs to be in a consolidated logbook, with a breakdown of type of procedures and signed off by a consultant surgeon/s as accurate and dated.
			1-5	6-15	16-25	26-40	41+		

Maximum score available 50