Developing a subspecialty

Subspecialty?

- Wikipedia
- GMC
- Royal College of Physicians
- BSG

A narrow field within a specialty

Examples

1. Main specialty specific
   - Gastroenterology
   - Hepatology
   - Specialist endoscopy
     - ERCP
     - EUS
   - Inflammatory bowel disease
   - Functional gut disorders

2. Non-specialty specific
   - Education and training
     - Local
     - National
   - Management
   - Research
   - Private practice

How to develop a subspecialty?

- Personal development
- Service development

How?

- Accident
  - Desire
  - Determination
- Need
  - Yours
  - Service
  - Patients
**Accident**
- Opportunity
  - Research period
  - Education post
  - Management post
- Subspecialist
- Keep it going??

**Determination**
- Background experience
- Personal desire
- Ambition

**When?**
- Pre-specialty training
  - Undergraduate
  - Post-graduate
- OOPE
- Post-CCT fellowship
- In consultant post

**Where?**

**My example**

**Developing a sub specialty my example**
- BSc Biochemistry
  - determination
Choosing a specialty

- Gastro House job
  - Accident

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my example

- BSc Biochemistry (Desire)
- Gastroenterology HO(Accident)

Research

- IBD research
  - (Accident/determination)
- Complementary therapies

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Langmead BSc, MBBS, MD, BTA

- BTA = Been to Australia
- OOPE – Sydney
  - Registrar post
  - EUS
- Benefits
  - Different system
  - Away/fresh

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my example

- BSc Biochemistry (Desire)
- Gastroenterology HO(Accident)
- IBD research (Accident/determination)
  - Complementary therapies
- OOPE – Australia (desire)
  - EUS
Change of plan...  
my example

- Acute Medicine (Need)

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my example

- Gastroenterology
- IBD
- EUS
  - Management....

Summary

- Create a basis
- Set realistic goals
- Take opportunities
- Be flexible
- Be patient
- Never say never
- Have fun