

INTERNATIONAL RESIDENCY  
TRAINING PROGRAMME  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

# BECOME A WORLD-CLASS SPECIALIST

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## 3 Dedicated to the education and training of medical doctors.

The Royal College Of Physicians of Ireland is an internationally recognised postgraduate college. Training doctors to become world-class specialists is at the heart of what we do.

We believe that being a doctor is one of the most rewarding and important professions there is and we are committed to helping you reach your full potential.

We offer postgraduate specialist training programmes, examinations, diplomas and educational courses to equip doctors with the skills and knowledge they need to care for patients and run safe and efficient healthcare systems.

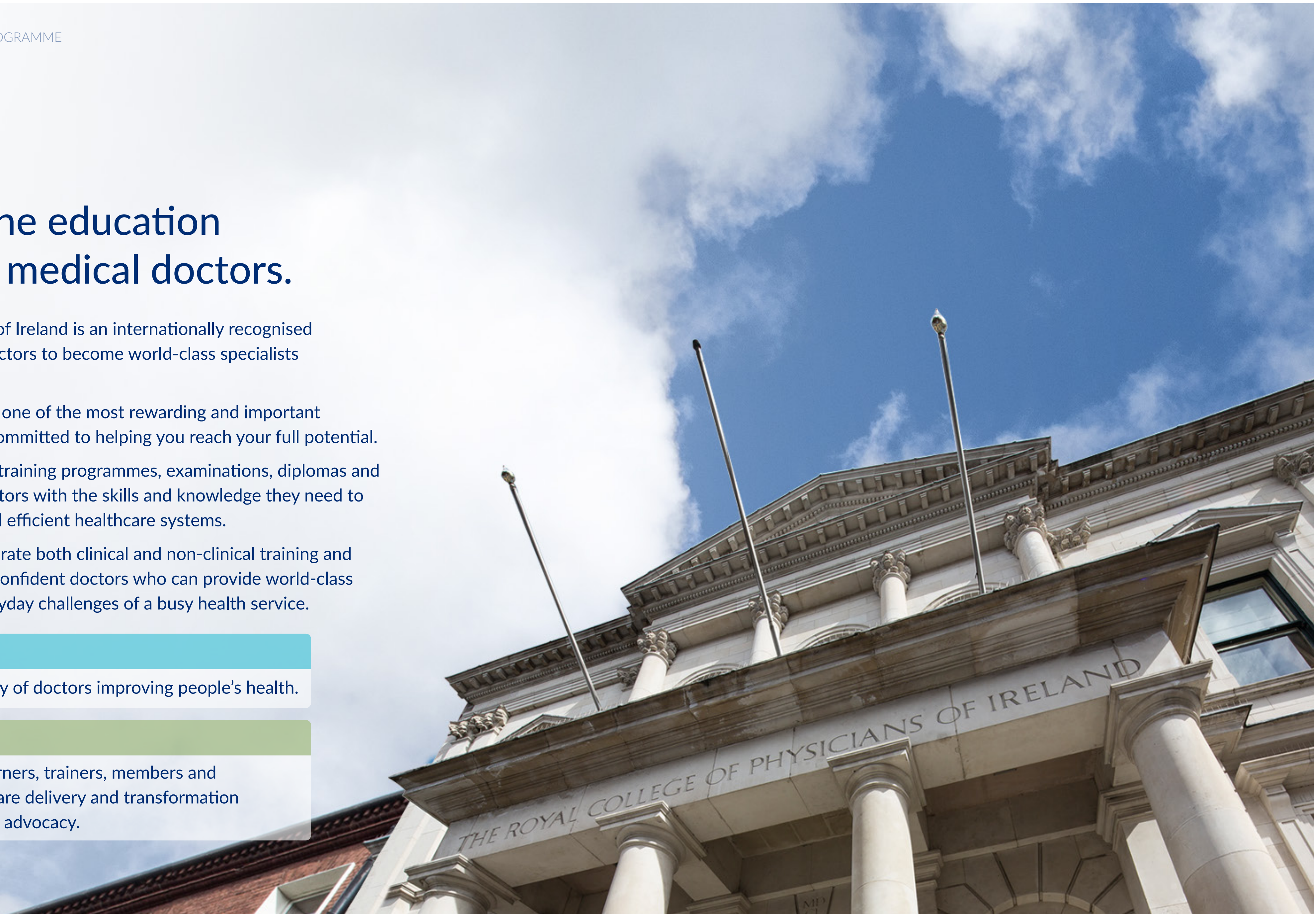
Our training programmes incorporate both clinical and non-clinical training and are designed to produce skilled, confident doctors who can provide world-class medical care and handle the everyday challenges of a busy health service.

### VISION:

A globally connected community of doctors improving people's health.

### MISSION:

To develop and support our learners, trainers, members and fellows to be leaders in healthcare delivery and transformation through training, education and advocacy.





# 4 WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

**While our role in society has undergone profound change since our foundation in 1654, the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland remains first and foremost a college dedicated to transformative medical education and training.**

As the largest medical postgraduate training body in Ireland, we are committed to helping doctors and healthcare professionals enhance their skills and competencies and become leaders in healthcare. We are a forward-thinking and dynamic organisation, recognised nationally and internationally for excellence in medical education.

You are invited to join our globally connected community of 13,000 doctors across the world. Doctors can train in 29 specialties and the College has over 1000 Clinical leads. This shared expertise and international reach allows us to develop and deliver an excellent training experience to you. It also offers great opportunities for you to network, collaborate globally and develop your healthcare leadership skills.

The college has welcomed over 180 doctors onto our International Residency and Clinical Fellowship Programmes in Ireland, and we have a rich network

of international partnerships facilitating the transfer of knowledge, skills and expertise across borders.

Our programmes offer opportunities for international medical graduates to work, learn and experience life in Ireland. During your time in Ireland, you will develop valuable clinical skills and exchange experiences with clinical teams providing medical care in a range of settings and institutions. If you train with us, you will hone your clinical skills and have the opportunity to develop as a leader. You will return home equipped with world-class skills and training, a global perspective on the opportunities and challenges in healthcare, and the knowledge and confidence to drive change in your country.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ireland and supporting you as you broaden your medical training and become a leader in your chosen specialty.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr Diarmuid O'Shea**  
*President, RCPI*





# 5 WHY IRELAND?

Ireland is a friendly and welcoming country, the perfect place to call home while completing your training to progress your medical career. Nestled on the western fringe of Europe it is easily accessible from anywhere in the world, with excellent links throughout Europe, and just over 7 hours flight time Dublin to Dubai.

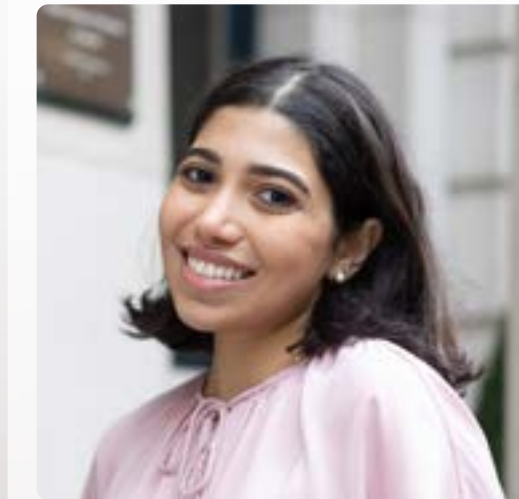
The climate is mild, moist, and changeable, with abundant rainfall and no temperature extremes. You can experience all four seasons in one day if you're lucky! The weather makes it easy to explore the breathtaking beauty of Ireland's landscape, renowned worldwide as the "Emerald Isle." From the ancient wonders of Ireland's Ancient East to the hidden treasures of the Heartlands and the rugged allure of the Wild Atlantic Way.

Ireland is a safe place to live alone or with family, it is recognised as one of the safest countries in the world. In 2023, it ranked 3rd on the Global Peace Index. Higher Education in Ireland rank high internationally.

As a nation, Ireland embraces innovation and entrepreneurship, tackling challenges with fresh perspectives. This spirit is evident in our postgraduate medical training, where we continuously seek new solutions to once seemingly insurmountable problems.

Ireland's educational excellence shines globally, particularly in the medical realm. Renowned for delivering top-tier educational programs, Ireland attracts over 35,000 international students from 161 countries.

Join a vibrant academic community where quality meets diversity, enriching your learning experience like never before.



"I was looking for a unique experience and an exciting adventure while still fulfilling excellent educational requirements that would meet high international standards.

"Ireland was ideal due to its reputation for friendliness and having one of the most welcoming cultures and it is also an extremely beautiful and charming island that's much closer to home."

**Dr Asmaa Milyani** 

*Trainee of the International Residency  
Training Programme in Paediatrics*



# 6 WHY RCPI?

**Established in 1654, we have a wealth of experience in educating doctors and providing them with the skills to provide first-class care at an advanced level.**

RCPI is dedicated to ensuring doctors have the skills to provide patients with the best possible care. We are committed to helping doctors enhance their skills, competencies and professionalism throughout their working lives. RCPI's strategic aim is to deliver world-class specialist training, enhance life-long learning and professional development, promote leadership in patient care, be a trusted, authoritative voice on public health policy and build our global presence.

Our core values are honesty, trust, kindness, innovation, responsiveness, quality and excellence, which is encompassed into the training environment in Ireland. We are the largest training body and hold 6 of the Institutes and Faculties of training in Ireland including the Institute of Medicine, Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Faculty of Pathology, Faculty of Paediatrics and the Faculty of Public Health Medicine.

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland is accredited by the Medical Council of Ireland.

RCPI has a global network with over 13,000 doctors across 29 different specialties in over 90 countries. This network gives us the knowledge and expertise which allows us drive constant improvement in training.

We provide membership to the college following successful completion of the MRCPI exam, which is available in General Medicine, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Public Health and Occupational Medicine. These qualifications are valued by healthcare employees worldwide.

We also advocate for policy and legislative change in a number of key areas including ageing, tobacco, cancer screening, open disclosure, obesity, alcohol, physical activity, sexual health and traffic medicine.

Graduates of our Programmes are not only recognised for their ability to tackle the complex challenges of today, but also for their preparedness to be future leaders in their field.





# 7 OUR RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Ireland has a long-standing tradition of providing postgraduate specialist medical training to international doctors.

RCPI has, in collaboration with the Health Service Executive of Ireland, developed a range of programmes designed specifically to meet the needs of international medical graduates.

For those doctors seeking Residency Training, there are Programmes available in:

- Internal Medicine
  - Paediatrics
- Coming Soon:
- Histopathology
  - Obstetrics and Gynaecology

The International Residency Training Programme (IRTP) is a three-year training programme, developed by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. This Programme is fully delivered in Ireland and certified by RCPI.

The purpose of the IRTP is to enable overseas Trainees to gain access to structured training in active clinical environments that they cannot get in their own country, with a view to enhancing

and improving the individual's medical training and learning and, in the medium to long term, the health services in their own countries.

The IRTP is designed to train doctors in the secondary care and prevention of adult and paediatric disease and illness. Training is primarily structured around developing skills and expertise within the core areas of Internal Medicine or Paediatrics, subspecialty Training and Clinical Judgement.

*"My training experience was excellent. I trained in different hospitals and I rotated in too many different sub-specialties and that is what I liked most about this programme, the possibility of experiencing a variety of specialities in three years which will help you to decide the speciality you would like to take after your training and guide you on horizons about the different medical fields and patient cohorts."*

**Dr Sarah Bukhari**   
Graduate of the International Residency Programme in Internal Medicine





# 8 HANDS ON CLINICAL TRAINING

This Programme will allow you to access a structured period of training in leading hospitals around Ireland.

## ROTATION

You will spend time training in one or more general hospitals and one or more large tertiary hospitals. You will follow a curriculum and be attached to a consultant trainer, fully participating in the clinical work of your trainer's team. The team structure, and the opportunity to rotate across different clinical sites, will present many opportunities to learn from a range of colleagues in various disciplines and at differing stages of their professional careers.

## CLINICAL TRAINING

Your training will be primarily workplace-based and is underpinned by a core educational programme, designed to complement your clinical experience in areas such as leadership, communication, research, audit, etc. (see overleaf for full details). Clinical activities across Internal Medicine and Paediatrics will include direct participation in both in-patient and out-patient services, completion of procedures and practical skills, engagement in multi-disciplinary team meetings, grand rounds, and journal clubs, amongst others. You will be exposed to a high variety of cases across all aspects of your specialty.

Participation in on-call is viewed as a key component of training and, therefore, trainees on the International Residency Training Programme will be required to participate in the on-call rota of their department.

## PROGRESS AND EVALUATION

Throughout your training, you will have access to a range of digital supports, including an electronic/ ePortfolio, through which you will be able to record your training activities and track your progress.

The annual evaluation process includes a summative assessment, as well as ongoing competency-based assessment tools. Each programme is governed by a Programme Director, who will provide guidance to both you and your trainers as you progress through training.





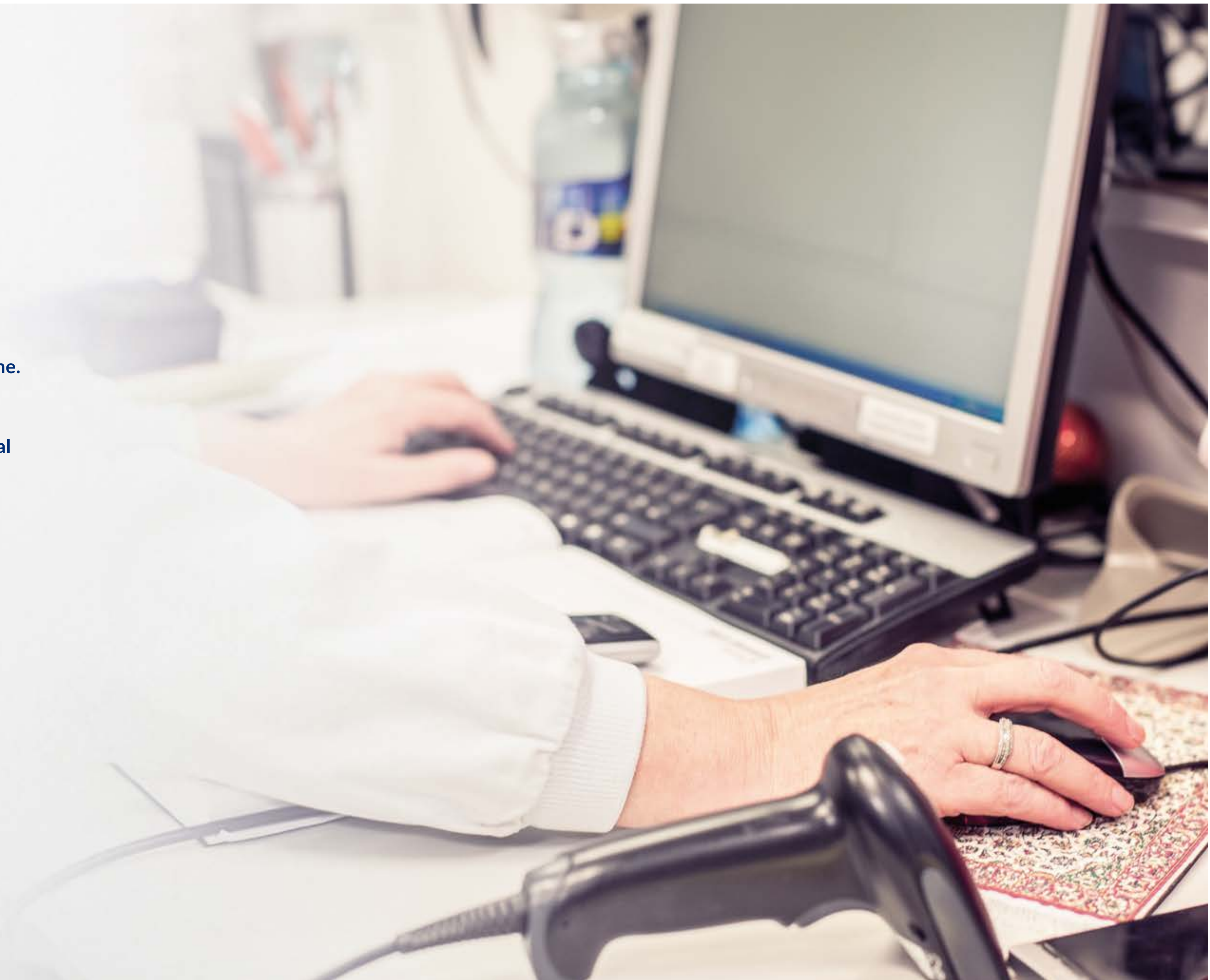
# 9 MRCPI EXAMS

The RCPI Membership exam is a requirement for progression and certification on the Residency Programme. As most Residency Trainees will not have practised medicine in Ireland before, it is vitally important that comprehensive support is provided to orient International Trainees to the country health profile and to the style of exam questions and answers utilised here.

RCPI offers a range of postgraduate examinations to help doctors develop their skills and demonstrate competency in their chosen specialties.

All Trainees entering the Residency Programmes are required to have a higher exam, such as the MRCPI Part I Written exam, to register with the Irish Medical Council. As the full Membership is a progression requirement within in each Programme, it is strongly recommended that incoming Trainees focus on achieving the MRCPI Part I Written exam, initially for registration purposes and later for progression and certification purposes.

Please be advised that MRCPI examinations are available overseas. A full list of these details can be viewed [here](#).





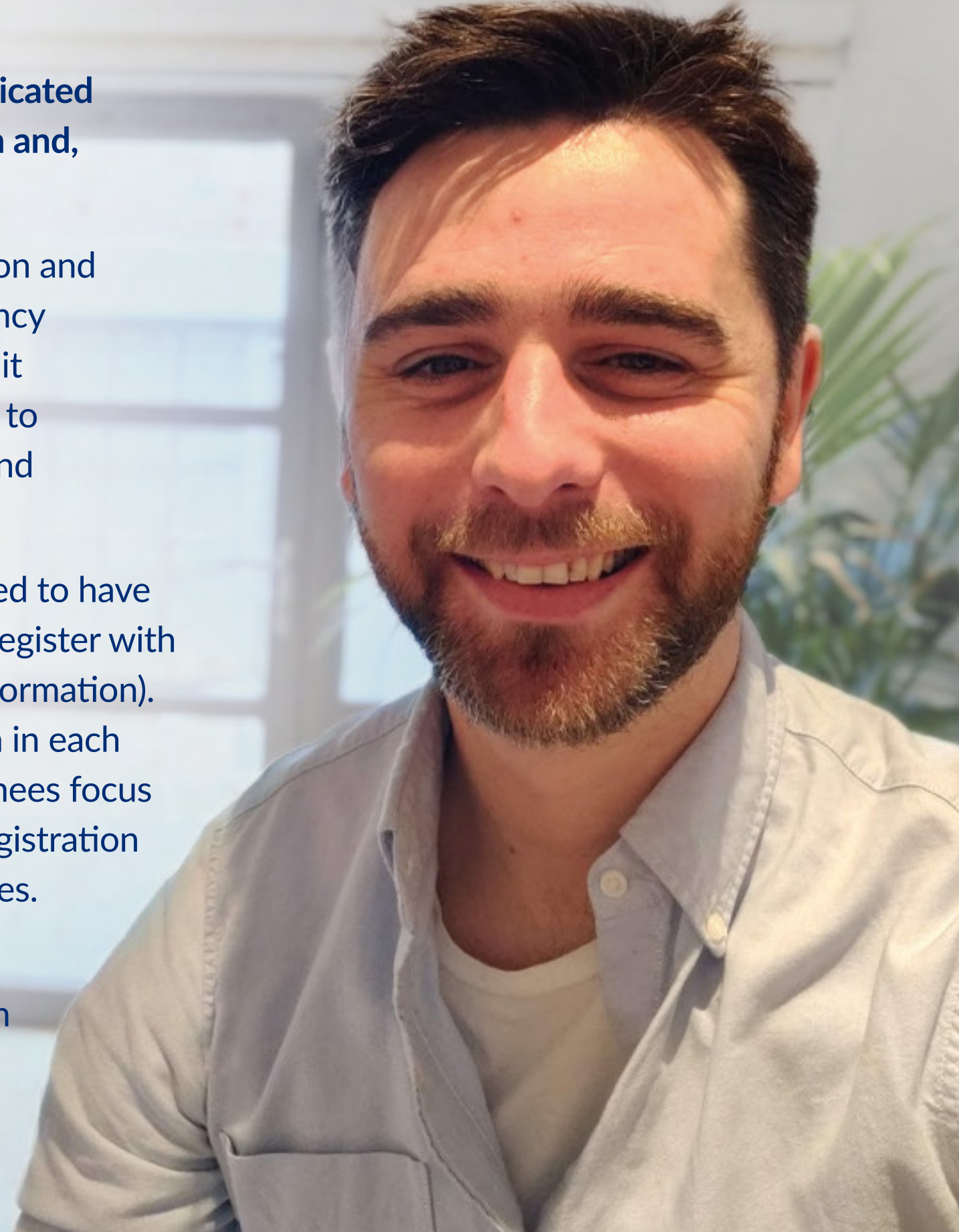
# 10 DEDICATED CLINICAL TUTOR

**Both Residency Programmes, in Internal Medicine and in Paediatrics, have appointed a Clinical Tutor to provide dedicated support in the areas of induction to the Irish health system and, crucially, in preparation for the RCPI Membership exams.**

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Structured online tutorials are provided to those incoming Trainees working to achieve the MRCPI Part I Written exam in their home country, in addition to modules designed to familiarise them with the Irish health system.



*“The International Residency Training Programme within the RCPI is an exciting opportunity for candidates to gain vital skills and knowledge in their early training as physicians. As the current clinical tutor I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all candidates to the programme. I look forward to working together with you to develop a tailored training schedule that will cover the breadth of the MRCPI core curriculum. Our focus within the RCPI is to provide support to candidates in whatever way we can to assist in examination preparation and career progression. It has been my pleasure to work with candidates in both didactic teaching sessions as well as in one-on-one focused sessions. Our piecemeal approach to covering the core curriculum is designed to support candidates as they navigate the often daunting early years of their clinical training. It has been my pleasure to support candidates as they progress through this formative phase of their career. I have watched many trainees progress through this programme to become confident physicians equipped with the skills and knowledge to approach the next phase of their careers. I look forward to meeting you all.”*

**Dr Mark Quinn**  
Clinical Tutor, International Residency Training  
Programme in Internal Medicine



# 11 STRUCTURED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

As well as workplace-based learning you will have the opportunity to gain additional learning through our formal educational programmes including study days, mandatory and optional courses, society meetings and conferences, lectures, journal clubs, clinical audit, research and more.

These elements of the training programmes give doctors an opportunity to expand their knowledge base within their specialty as well as hone the core knowledge and clinical judgement skills needed to enhance their career and take up senior positions in their health service.



## SHAPE YOUR PERSONAL LEARNING JOURNEY

Area of Learning:

### LEADERSHIP

How we can support you:

We provide the following course:

#### Leadership in Clinical Practice

On completion of this course, you will be able to

Acquired Skills:

- + Increase your self-awareness and identify key strengths and weaknesses
- + Influence others effectively
- + Negotiate effectively
- + Improve your resilience and well being
- + Recognise quality in healthcare and describe quality improvement
- + Discuss quality improvement as a methodology to guide a team through change
- + Experience quality improvement learning and methodology
- + Identify dynamics that help/hinder progress

Area of Learning:

### COMMUNICATION

How we can support you:

We provide the following course:

#### Mastering Communication

On completion of this course, you will be able to

Acquired Skills:

- + Improve your communication techniques by focusing on your audience, reading body language, and checking for understanding
- + Recognise the importance of sensitivity to diversity and understanding how cultural backgrounds impact on communication style
- + Understand how to ask questions effectively and engage in active listening
- + Recognise assertive behaviour when communicating and in conflict situations
- + Identify the importance of communicating effectively with patients about sexual health
- + Develop strategies for difficult communication and challenging situations e.g. open disclosure



Area of Learning:

## ETHICS

How we can support you:

We provide the following course:

### Ethics, Safe Prescribing Skills and Blood Transfusion

For **General Internal Medicine** and for **Paediatrics**

On completion of this course, you will be able to

Acquired Skills:

- + Identify and appropriately respond to professional issues relating to confidentiality, consent, and data protection
- + Manage your own health and ill health appropriately and support colleagues in need by following best routes of care for doctors
- + Communicate professionally and ethically with patients and colleagues
- + Follow the guide to professional conduct and ethics for registered medical practitioners
- + Consider and discuss real cases and develop strategies to prevent, anticipate and manage ethical dilemmas
- + Identify the meeting points between medicine, ethics and law, and where they differ
- + Outline the working mechanism of the Fitness to Practice Committee of the Irish Medical Council
- + Identify and anticipate the ethical dilemmas from an ethical/legal framework
- + Describe the role of a Research Ethics Committee
- + Consider what makes research ethically sound
- + Outline key considerations when applying for research ethics approval
- + Describe how to protect vulnerable groups in research

Area of Learning:

## CLINICAL AUDIT

How we can support you:

We provide the following course:

### Performing Audit

On completion of this course, you will be able to

Acquired Skills:

- + Defining the audit need
- + Conducting a clinical audit
- + Making recommendations
- + Identifying areas suitable for clinical audit
- + Managing the distinction between clinical audit and research
- + Evidence of good practice
- + Benchmarking

*As part of your professional competence requirements you will need to complete a minimum of 1 audit per year.*

Area of Learning:

## RESEARCH

How we can support you:

We provide the following course:

### Introduction to Health Research

On completion of this course, you will be able to

Acquired Skills:

- + The purpose and design of randomised controlled trials
- + Appropriate sample size
- + The purpose and process of random allocation
- + How to implement blinding
- + How to control for bias
- + How to distinguish intention to treat per protocol analysis
- + The principles of epidemiological research in observational studies

*Our training centres are accredited teaching hospitals with ongoing research in many areas, and trainees are encouraged to take part in these research projects.*



# 13 SUPPORTING YOUR MOVE TO IRELAND



**We understand that moving to another country involves a lot of preparation and paperwork. We are committed to making this process as easy as possible for you, once you have been accepted onto our International Fellowship Training Programme.**

The support we offer in association with Castel Education, an agency that specialises in supporting international students coming to Ireland, includes:

- English language tutoring
- Visa and immigration assistance, including liaising with the Irish Embassy on your behalf
- Helping you apply for registration with the Irish Medical Council
- Helping you make travel arrangements
- Collecting you at the airport in Ireland
- Helping you find suitable accommodation
- Helping your family members move to Ireland, e.g. finding suitable schools
- Assistance with setting up banking and mobile phone accounts
- Emergency telephone support

Discover the unparalleled advantage of pursuing advanced specialist training in Ireland! Our unique

program offers training within prestigious hospital groupings, ensuring you receive top-notch education and experience.

When you join our program and secure a position at your chosen training site, we go above and beyond to support you and your loved ones. From arranging comfortable accommodations to ensuring seamless schooling for your family members, we're committed to making your transition smooth and stress-free.

With our dedicated assistance, you can focus wholeheartedly on your professional growth, knowing the support from RCPI during your life in Ireland. Experience excellence in training and unmatched support – embark on your journey with us today!

*“The move to Ireland was a dream for me. I was so nervous in the beginning because I didn’t know what I would face. I was moving my whole family here and it was made much easier with the help of the College. They linked us up with Castel Education who did an amazing job for literally everything.”*

**Dr Dalal Ali** 

*Graduate of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme in Endocrinology, Oman*





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OF MEDICINE**

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# 14 THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

**The Institute of Medicine is the national training body for General Medicine in Ireland.**

It has over 700 trainees, making it the largest postgraduate medical training body in Ireland. It is well positioned to continually pursue excellence in the delivery of healthcare. It is accredited by the Medical Council of Ireland and meets the strict standards required to deliver postgraduate specialist training in 16 specialties. The Institute of Medicine develops and monitors training programmes in these specialties and works to maintain the highest standards throughout the continuum of training and educational development.

The Institute of Medicine offers a structured 3-year Residency Training Programme in General Internal Medicine







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# 15 THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

**On behalf of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, I would like to welcome you to the International Residency Training Programme in Internal Medicine.**

At the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, we are dedicated to supporting doctors during their postgraduate medical training. The International Residency Training Programme in Internal Medicine is a three-year training programme, developed by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties. It is fully delivered in Ireland and certified by RCPI. The programme is divided into two 18-month hospital allocations, where Residents will gain exposure to general hospital and tertiary level hospital medicine.

Upon successful examination, Residents will be awarded Membership of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland (MRCPI), which is a requirement to complete the Residency Training Programme. A Certificate of Achievement of Residency Training in Internal Medicine will be awarded by RCPI on completion of training.

We are grateful that you have considered Ireland for your postgraduate training in medicine, and look forward to welcoming you soon.



**Dr Danny Cheriyan**

*Programme Director*  
International Residency Training  
Programme in Internal Medicine

RCPI also offers an International Clinical Fellowship Programme in 14 specialties at the Institute of Medicine.

Please refer to page 22 to learn more.





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“Practicing medicine in Ireland is a rich experience on both the professional and personal levels. As I progressed during my medical training with RCPI, I got the privilege of observing and working with great teachers and capable specialists in their field.

Being involved in providing interdisciplinary medical care to patients with evidence-based approach is a cornerstone in how medicine is practiced in Ireland. That taught me to get to know my patients personally and have a holistic approach in addressing their medical needs.

I’m happy that I got the opportunity to come to Ireland and being challenged to achieve the membership of the Royal College of Physicians. This has helped consolidate my medical knowledge and evolve as a capable physician.”

**Dr Husam Alzayer** 

Graduate of the International Residency  
Training Programme in Internal Medicine

### Who is this Programme for?

**Designed for** Doctors who have completed their Undergraduate Medical Degree and Internship year

**Duration** 3 years

#### Entry Requirements

- You must have completed your primary medical degree through English
- You must have completed a structured internship
- You must have provisional sponsorship from your National Training Body/Ministry/Hospital to cover your fees, salary and living expenses for the full duration of the programme
- You must have two letters of recommendation from senior clinical or academic supervisors at your University or hospital
- You must not currently hold a position on a Residency Programme in your home country
- IELTS with an overall band score of 7.0 and a minimum score of 6.5 in each of the four domains, or OET with a minimum score of B in all four domains\*

**In order to train in Ireland, the Irish Medical Council requires that you possess one of the following qualifications:**

- MRCPI in General Medicine Part 1
- Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) Part 1
- United States Medical Licencing Exam (USMLE) Step 1 and 2
- Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE)
- Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I
- Australian Medical Council MCQ (AMC)
- Saudi Boards for Health Specialties Intermediate Module/Part One Examination or Complete Saudi Boards for Health Specialties
- Arab Boards for Health Specialties Intermediate Module/Part One Examination or Complete Arab Boards for Health Specialties

#### Desirable

**Priority will be given to candidates who also hold MRCPI or MRCPUK.**

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#### Certification

Certificate of Achievement of Residency Training in Internal Medicine issued by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland





**FACULTY OF  
PAEDIATRICS**

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# 17 FACULTY OF PAEDIATRICS

The Faculty of Paediatrics is the national professional and training body for Paediatrics in Ireland, working to ensure the highest standards in child health.

It is accredited by the Medical Council of Ireland and is proud to meet the strict standards required to deliver postgraduate specialist training in Paediatrics.

The Faculty of Paediatrics develops and monitors training programmes and works to maintain the highest standards throughout the continuum of training and educational development.

The Faculty of Paediatrics offers a structured 3-year Residency Training Programme in Paediatrics.







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This IRTP is a novel and exciting program where trainees will receive an excellent grounding in Paediatrics, which will aid their career development.



**Professor Michael O'Neill**

*Programme Director*  
International Residency Training  
Programme in Paediatrics

RCPI also offers an International Clinical Fellowship Programme in 16 specialties at the Faculty of Paediatrics.

Please refer to page 22 to learn more.

# 18 FACULTY OF PAEDIATRICS

**The International Residency Training Programme (IRTP) in Paediatrics is a 3-year training programme developed by the Faculty of Paediatrics in conjunction with the RCPI.**

After the initial induction process, trainees will spend 8 months in General Paediatrics, in a selected hospital outside Dublin. This will be followed by a 4-month rotation in Neonatology in one of the 3 Maternity hospital in Dublin. The following 15 months, also based in Dublin, will consist of 5 three-month rotations in subspecialty Paediatrics inclusive of Neurology, Metabolic Medicine, Endocrinology, Cardiology and Gastroenterology. Trainee progression

is evaluated based on Trainer feedback and E Portfolio assessment, which each trainee is required to complete for each rotation.

During this period trainees are expected to successfully complete the 2 parts of the MRCPI in Paediatrics. To facilitate this process the program has a designated Tutor to prepare candidates for the MRCPI examination. This support commences before trainees arrive in Ireland. The Tutor, in conjunction with the Program Director, meet regularly with trainees, to discuss training progression, E-portfolio maintenance and adaptation to the Irish Health Care system. The IRTP curriculum

is aligned to the Basic Specialist Training Program Curriculum. International Trainees will also attend the training days for the BST program, of which there are 16 over a 2-year period. These training days consist of case-based discussions and subspecialty seminars.

On successful completion of the MRCPI, Trainees will spend 3 months working in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the Maternity Hospital where they completed their initial neonatal training. They will function as a neonatal Registrar.

The last 6 months of training will be spent working as a Registrar in their base hospital outside Dublin. The focus of this 6 months is to enhance the trainee's capacity to problem solve the acute undifferentiated paediatric patient and to enhance the supervision skill of junior trainees and medical students. All trainees are expected to be actively involved in education.

During all rotations, trainees will have a designated trainer and will be required to be part of the 'on call' team, this is a requirement for all paediatric trainees in Ireland.





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“The opportunity to train in Ireland with the Royal College has been such an honour and pleasure.

The medicine that is being taught and practised is evidence-based and correlates with the expected learning outcomes and associated examinations. It centres on graduating independent, competent, confident, and safe general paediatricians by international standards. Appropriate exposure is ensured by training in different hospitals for their relative rotations. I have found a great support system in place that is provided by the college to ensure a smooth transition from all aspects; academic and social. It is the cherry on top that Irish people make you feel at home and welcome when you are so far away from family and friends. I whole-heartedly recommend this programme for those who seek both an excellent education and a memorable adventure.”

**Dr Asmaa Milyani** 

Graduate of the International Residency  
Training Programme in Paediatrics

### Who is this Programme for?

**Designed for** Doctors who have completed their Undergraduate Medical Degree and Internship year

**Duration** 3 years.

#### Entry Requirements

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**In order to train in Ireland, the Irish Medical Council requires that you possess one of the following qualifications:**

- MRCPI in Paediatrics Part 1
- Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) Part 1
- United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Step 1 and 2
- Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE)
- Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I
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#### Certification

Certificate of Achievement of Residency Training in Paediatrics issued by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland



# 20 APPLICATION PROCESS

**19 April 2024** Applications open

**21 July 2024** Applications close

**September/ October 2024** Interviews

**September/ October 2024** Offers

**January 2026** Start in post

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted electronically by 21<sup>st</sup> July.

For more information visit our website at [www.rcpi.ie](http://www.rcpi.ie)

If you are interested in learning more about our International Residency Training Programme, please visit our website or contact RCPI at [InternationalAffairs@rcpi.ie](mailto:InternationalAffairs@rcpi.ie)

## MEET THE TEAM



**Sinead Lucey**  
*Head of Business  
Development*



**Clodhna Martin**  
*Global Training  
and Partnerships  
Manager*



**Anton Bambuliak**  
*Programme  
Coordinator*



# 21 OUR INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES

If you are interested in learning more about our International Clinical Fellowship Programme, please visit our website by clicking the button below or contact: RCPI at [InternationalAffairs@rcpi.ie](mailto:InternationalAffairs@rcpi.ie)

Applications for the International Clinical Fellowship Programme is open and closes on 30<sup>th</sup> June.





# 22 OUR INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES



Clinical Fellowships are available across the specialties and subspecialties of Medicine, Paediatrics, Pathology, Public Health Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Occupational Medicine.



RCPI has, in collaboration with the Health Service Executive of Ireland, developed a range of programmes designed specifically to meet the needs of international medical graduates. The International Clinical Fellowship Programme (ICFP) provides a route for overseas doctors wishing to undergo structured and advanced postgraduate medical training in Ireland. The ICFP enables suitably qualified overseas postgraduate medical

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