



ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

Diploma in Cerebrovascular & Stroke Medicine

September 2009 – May 2010

Introduction

Stroke is the third leading cause of death and the leading cause of severe adult physical disability in the Western world. Each year 8,000 to 10,000 people in Ireland suffer a stroke and up to one tenth of acute hospital beds and one third of nursing home beds are occupied by stroke patients.

Medical management has improved significantly in the last two decades. Care of patients in acute stroke units reduces the risk of death and permanent disability by up to one quarter. Thrombolysis offers the possibility of a cure for selected patients. Active and skilled management of physiological variables in the hours and days after stroke help prevent progression of neurological disease.

Stroke rehabilitation is also advancing. Newer rehabilitation methods have been shown to greatly improve patient outcome. Newer and more effective methods of control of complications such as dysphagia and spasticity have been developed in the last decade. The evidence base for pharmacological and non-pharmacological secondary prevention of stroke and cerebrovascular disease has advanced and become more robust in the last five years.

With the increasing evidence base and complexity for care of patients with stroke disease the RCPI has developed a taught diploma for doctors who care for stroke patients in the course of their practice. It is designed as a foundation course for people wishing to pursue further formal training in stroke medicine/stroke neurology.

For Whom

The Diploma in Cerebrovascular & Stroke Medicine is for all doctors who have completed their general training and would be suitable for trainees in a number of fields, including General Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Rehabilitation Medicine, Neurology and Clinical Pharmacology, Emergency Medicine and Anesthetics. The Diploma may also be beneficial to trainees in Vascular Surgery and Neurosurgery and to General Practitioners with a significant practice in Cerebrovascular Disease.

Learning Objectives

The course is designed to provide the principles for the evidence based management of cerebrovascular disease and to provide a foundation for people wishing to pursue further formal training in stroke medicine/stroke neurology.

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Programme Content

Format:

The programme is of a series of taught lectures with an examination on completion of the course. Lectures will predominantly be held in the College on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Some lectures will be held in stroke units to permit trainees to observe stroke care of differing models. There will be a total of 51 lectures lasting between 50 and 60 minutes over the course of the year with 3 lectures being held in any evening or morning session. There will also be a self directed learning component to be completed between each session.

Content:

The course will seek to provide a comprehensive review of modern stroke medicine starting from the basic sciences neuroanatomy, vascular anatomy and physiology, continuing through diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation and on to managing including secondary prevention, post stroke depression and ethical issues.

Assessment and Exam:

Candidates will be expected to attend a minimum of twelve (of fifteen) three-hour sessions over the course of 3 terms. Assessments will be held throughout the course. Final examination will consist of a multiple choice question paper and a clinical OSCE.

Course Delivery

This programme will run in the Royal College of Physicians, No 6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2 and four hospital sites throughout the year. The programme will commence date on Friday 18th September 2009 and will run until May 8th 2010. The lecture schedule is:

Date	Time	Venue
Friday 18 th September 2009	6pm - 9pm	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Saturday 19 th September 2009	9am – 12pm	St. James's Hospital, Dublin 8
Friday 30 th October 2009	6pm - 9pm	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Friday 20 th November 2009	6pm - 9pm	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Saturday 21 st November 2009	9am – 12pm	Mater Hospital, Dublin
Friday 11 th December 2009	6pm - 9pm	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Friday 15 th January 2010	6pm – 9pm	Midland Regional Hospital, Mullingar
Saturday 16 th January 2010	9am – 12pm	Midland Regional Hospital, Mullingar
Friday 5 th February 2010	6pm - 9pm	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Friday 5 th March 2010	6pm - 9pm	National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dublin
Saturday 6 th March 2010	9am – 12pm	National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dublin
Friday 26 th March	6pm - 9pm	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Friday 16 th April 2010	6pm - 9pm	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Friday 7 th May 2010	6pm - 9pm	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
Saturday 8 th May 2010	9am – 12pm	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Course Fee

Inclusive of tuition, documentation and examinations the fee is € 2500 per person. RCPI Members receive a 10% discount and RCPI Fellows receive a 20% discount (please see application form). **Fees are payable to the RCPI in advance.**

Please note that there is no refund for cancellations received 2 weeks or less prior to programme commencement date.

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SURNAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

JOB TITLE: _____

HOSPITAL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

MOBILE NO: _____ PHONE: _____

Fee enclosed:

Course Fee (non members) €2500

Course Fee Member of RCPI (10% Discount) €2250

Course Fee Fellow of RCPI (20% Discount) €2000

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MASTERCARD

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The College is unable to process credit card details for anyone other than the applicant

Please send this booking form with fee to:
The Educational Development Department, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Frederick House, 19 South Frederick Street, Dublin 2.
Phone: (01) 863 9700 Fax (01) 672 4707

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