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Registrar Training Programme
Higher Specialist Training**

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Introduction – RCPI Trainee Courses

This prospectus details the courses available for trainees in all registered training programmes within RCPI - Basic Specialist Training, Registrar Training Programme, and Higher Specialist Training. The mandatory courses are outlined individually and other professional development courses are also listed.

Under each course you will find the learning objectives, learning methods, and course content. Venues, dates and times are also outlined. Please note these are subject to change.

We have introduced online education as part of training and you can access the online courses via Moodle on the private website. To access your online courses:

- Login to private website using your RCPI username and password
- On the services page click on the link or Moodle
- Enter your RCPI username and password on the Moodle login page
- Your username is the beginning of your @physicians email address before the @ symbol. For example, if your email address is moodlestudent@physicians.ie, your username is moodlestudent.
- Your password is the same password used to access the RCPI private website.
- You will be automatically enrolled on all of your mandatory online courses.

To access application forms for all courses please log into the private website and click on courses. Application forms can then be faxed or posted into the College. Each course is filled on a first come first serve basis.

Please be advised that if cancellations are not received within ten working days of the course start date, there will be a charge of €150.00 to attend the next course. This also applies to no-shows. All mandatory courses must be completed within the training period on the relative training scheme. You will not receive certification of completion until you have completed all of your mandatory courses.

Confirmation of your application and any further correspondence relating to the course will be sent to your physicians email address only. No other email is acceptable.

On the next page you can see a quick guide to what courses are mandatory and recommended for your training scheme.

RCPI Trainee Courses

✓ **Mandatory**

▲ **Highly Recommended**

COURSE	BST	RTP	HST	Page
Basic Practical Skills (O&G)	✓			9
Child Protection (Paediatrics)	✓			9
Ethics, Prescribing Skills and Blood Transfusion	✓			9
Family Planning (O&G)	✓			10
Professional Development Programme	✓			10
Ultrasound (O&G)	✓	▲	▲	10/23
Introduction to Clinical Audit		✓		12
Introduction to Research Skills		✓	▲	12/23
Mastering Communication		✓	✓	12/18
Core Pathology Skills (Pathology)			✓	15
Delivering Thrombolysis in a Clinical Practice (Geriatrics)			✓	15/21
Endoscopy Programme (Gastroenterology)			✓	16
Ethics			✓	17
Leadership Skills			✓	18
Minimal Access Skills (O&G)			✓	18
Nutrition (Gastroenterology)			✓	19
Performing Audit			✓	19
Clinical Paediatric Skills (Paediatrics)	▲			21
Educational Assessment Skills			▲	21
Elder Abuse	▲	▲	▲	22
Immunology for Clinicians	▲	▲	▲	22
Introduction to Management and Leadership Skills		▲	▲	22
MedicALS	▲	▲	▲	23
Occupational Stress		▲	▲	23
Patient Safety (online)	Part of PDP course	▲	▲	24
Effective Teaching and Supervising Skills			▲	24
Diploma in Cerebrovascular and Stroke Medicine		▲	▲	25
Masterclass Series	▲	✓	▲	26

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland: An Introduction

Mission

The mission of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland is to develop and maintain high professional standards in specialist medical practice in order to achieve optimum patient care and to promote health nationally and internationally.

About the College

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, through its six accredited training bodies, is the largest postgraduate medical education and training institution in Ireland and, since 1654, has been responsible for maintaining standards in medical practice.

It is a not-for-profit body with a mission to promote and maintain the highest quality of speciality medical care, to build positive relationships between the medical profession and the public and to lead and influence policy on health and the future direction of the medical profession.

Governance

The President and Fellows are the governors of RCPI and are ultimately responsible for its affairs. Currently over 1,600 physicians are Fellows of the RCPI most of whom are involved in RCPI activities. On an annual basis, however, the Fellows delegate their responsibility for RCPI affairs to Council.

Council consists of 31 Fellows – including the President, Registrar, Treasurer and Chief Executive Officer. Council is responsible for managing RCPI affairs on behalf of the Fellowship and is also responsible for the strategic development and future direction of RCPI. Members of Council are elected by the Fellowship on an annual basis, at the Annual Stated Meeting, and are representative of the RCPI's broad medical specialties and interests. Council meets on a quarterly basis and reports on its activity to the President and Fellows. Council is advised by a robust physician-led committee infrastructure supported by an administrative centre of over 50 staff.

The Executive implements the strategic developments recommended by Council and monitors the day-to-day business of the RCPI. The Executive consists of the President, Registrar, Treasurer and Chief Executive Officer.

The Deanery, with support of the standing and other committees, are responsible for the provision of examinations, education and training services.

The Standing Committees advise the Deanery, Executive and Council on policies, procedures and developments relating to examination, education, training and other activities.

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland: History of the College

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland was founded in 1654 by John Stearne, a physician and Professor of Trinity College, as a Fraternity of Physicians, in response to his recognition of the need for an improvement in the medical services available to the people of Ireland. Trinity College provided a building where the Fraternity of Physicians could meet and study.

A Royal Charter was obtained from Charles II in 1667 and this gave the College the power to examine doctors and award licences to those deemed fit to practice, within a seven mile radius of Dublin.

Twenty five years later under the Presidency of Sir Patrick Dun, a second Royal Charter was obtained in 1692 from the joint sovereigns, King William and Queen Mary. This Charter, which is still in force today, severed the link with Trinity. The College's licensing powers were extended to cover the whole of Ireland.

Sir Patrick Dun died in 1713 and bequeathed all his property, including extensive land holdings in Co. Waterford, to the College. Dun's estate was to provide considerable funds to the College for the next 200 years.

Having left the premises provided by Trinity College, the Physicians had no permanent home until 1815 when Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital opened. This had been built by the College as a teaching hospital from the proceeds of Dun's bequest and the College moved into rooms in the Hospital building.

By the middle of the 19th century, Irish medicine was enjoying great international prestige through the work of great doctors such as Robert Graves, William Stokes, John Cheyne and Dominic Corrigan. The Fellows of the College decided that they needed a new college hall, near the centre of the city that would reflect their new-found glory.

In 1860, the College purchased the property of the Kildare Street Club for £5,000. Shortly after the purchase was completed, however, the building was completely destroyed in a disastrous fire, which cost the lives of three of the Club servants.

The College was able to recover the money spent through the insurance settlement and was then able to have a new building designed to its own specifications.

A competition for architects was held and the winning design was that of William Murray Jnr, whose father, William Murray Snr, had designed the new Royal College of Surgeons building on St. Stephen's Green. The building was completed in 1864 and has been the College's home ever since. The building has undergone much restoration and refurbishment in more recent years and is now fully equipped with modern conference, meeting and communication facilities, but it is pleasing to note that the original structure has been largely unchanged and the main rooms upstairs still stand much as they would have looked in 1864.

Today, having been instrumental in establishing renowned teaching hospitals, collaborating with medical schools and advancing medical science, the College is now primarily concerned with postgraduate medical education and the maintenance of high standards in medicine.

Basic Specialist Training

Basic Specialist Training (BST) provides doctors with the opportunity to explore a wide array of specialties within a flexible framework, further developing their clinical and professional skills. Besides the acquisition of specific clinical skills and competencies, core components of BST include personal development such as leadership, team work, communication skills, presentation skills, basic management and audit.

BST is a two-year postgraduate training programme accredited by RCPI. BST is undertaken by Senior House Officers who have completed their internship and wish to specialise in hospital-based medicine.

There are four BST programmes accredited by the RCPI:

1. General Internal Medicine
2. Histopathology
3. Obstetrics & Gynaecology
4. Paediatrics

Completion of BST is a requirement for entry into the Registrar Training Programme (RTP) and Higher Specialist Training (HST) in most specialties.

BST consists of two educational elements:

1. Two years of supervised clinical training in approved SHO posts, during which certain skills must be acquired. These skills are listed in the relevant BST curriculum, available only to registered trainees.
2. Several educational courses, depending on the specialty. Registered trainees are also required to complete BST Logbooks as a record of their progress through the two-year programme.

Entry Requirements:

- Registration with the Medical Council of Ireland on the Trainee division of the Register.
- Completion of internship/pre-registration year (this normally cannot be done in Ireland if your medical school was overseas).

Mandatory Courses:

Please note that all mandatory courses must be completed within the two years of BST. Failure to complete these courses within the two years could affect certification of BST completion.

Bookings for all mandatory courses must be done by completing the relevant application form. No bookings for mandatory courses will be taken via telephone. Application forms are available from the website and must be submitted prior to the course date to secure a place on the course.

Confirmation of application and any further correspondence relating to BST mandatory courses will be sent to your @physicians email address only. No other email address is acceptable. If you experience difficulties with your physicians email address please email reform@rcpi.ie or telephone 01 863 9721 for assistance.

Please note that if you have booked on a course and are unable to attend you must cancel within 10 working days prior to the course start date.

BST Mandatory Courses

The following courses are mandatory for all Trainees registered in BST. There is no fee to attend these programmes if you are registered in BST.

Basic Practical Skills

This is a three-day mandatory course for all Trainees registered in Obstetrics & Gynaecology BST. The objective of the course is to improve Trainees' surgical competencies. This is a teaching programme of basic surgical skills including general surgical and obstetric techniques.

Venue

The National Clinical Skills Centre, Dublin.

Course Dates

29 September 2011
2 February 2012

Child Protection

This is one-day mandatory course for all Trainees registered in Paediatrics BST. The course is based on simulated clinical scenarios that encourage active, hands-on participation through learning stations where participants will practice essential skills individually, as part of a team, and as a team leader. Realistic simulations reinforce recognising child abuse and neglect, patterns of injury, what to do, role plays, working together with other professionals and parents and communication.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No. 6 Kildare St. Dublin 2

Course Dates

27 October 2011
8 December 2011
1 February 2012
8 March 2012
7 June 2012

Ethics, Prescribing Skills and Blood Transfusion

This course is mandatory for all Trainees registered in BST. It consists of online modules on healthcare ethics, safe prescribing skills and blood transfusion that are prerequisite to a one-day practical workshop where case studies are examined and discussed. The course is divided into specialty specific dates.

* Please note: All the online components need to be completed prior to the workshop. They do not have to be completed consecutively.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Frederick House, 19 South Frederick Street, Dublin 2

Workshop for GIM Trainees

13 October 2011
29 November 2011
9 February 2012
20 June 2012

Workshop for O&G Trainees

6 September 2011
30 May 2012

Workshop for Paediatric Trainees

19 October 2011
13 March 2012

BST Mandatory Courses

Family Planning

This is a half-day mandatory course for all Trainees registered in Obstetrics & Gynaecology BST. The course is designed for BST trainees to improve their competencies in the safe and effective use of medications within the areas of family planning.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (November) University College Cork (March)

Course Dates

24 November 2011

23 March 2012

Professional Development Programme

This course is mandatory for all Trainees registered in BST. It consists of online modules which cover patient safety and teaching skills. There is also a three-day practical course which addresses communication, teamwork, and presentation skills. Additionally, clinical communication skills, personal effectiveness, presentation skills and professionalism will also be covered.

* Please note: Some of the online components **must** be completed prior to the practical course.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No. 6, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Course Dates

22 – 24 September 2011

6 – 8 October 2011

21 – 23 November 2011

15 – 17 December 2011

23 – 25 February 2012

1 – 3 March 2012

19 – 21 April 2012

10 – 12 May 2012

24 – 26 May 2012

14 – 16 June 2012

28 – 30 June 2012

Ultrasound

This course is mandatory for Trainees registered in Obstetrics and Gynaecology BST. The course is made up of online modules and workplace based assessments.

Topics include early pregnancy ultrasound, biophysical score, fetal biometry and placental site, and ultrasound of the adnexa. For each of the modules participants are required to complete the online section, a series of corresponding

Objective Structured Assessments for Technical Skills (OSATS) and then record a number of cases

Venue

Assessments will be completed at your training site. Online modules are available on Moodle.

Course Dates

Not Applicable

Registrar Training Programme

The Registrar Training Programme (RTP) is aimed at doctors who wish to progress their career in specialist medical training.

Most doctors who successfully complete Basic Specialist Training (BST) want to enter Higher Specialist Training (HST) at the earliest opportunity. Entry into HST is highly competitive and applicants must have successfully completed their membership examinations. While it is possible for a doctor to progress to HST directly from BST, the majority of doctors require an additional period of training and experience in their chosen specialty. This will usually be achieved by time spent working in a registrar post.

The RTP has been introduced to provide a structured programme of training and formal competence assessment for doctors working in the registrar grade.

Application for entry on to the programme is by competitive interview. Partial credit for this programme may be applied to HST. Doctors who wish to apply for the RTP must complete an application form which will be available on the RCPI website www.rcpi.ie during recruitment.

Training is available in the following specialties:

- General Medicine: including Cardiology, Dermatology, Endocrinology and Diabetes Mellitus, Gastroenterology, Geriatric Medicine, Genito-Urinary Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Neurology, Medical Oncology, Palliative Medicine, Rehabilitation Medicine, Respiratory Medicine, and Rheumatology
- Pathology: including Chemical Pathology, Clinical Microbiology, Haematology, Histopathology and Immunology
- Paediatrics
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology

RTP consists of two educational elements:

1. Supervised clinical training in approved Registrar posts, during which certain skills must be acquired.
2. Several educational courses and completion of RTP Logbooks as a record of their progress through the programme.

Entry requirements:

- Applicants must hold a certificate of completion of BST
- Applicants must not have spent more than 2 years in NCHD posts following completion of BST
- Applicants must be eligible for inclusion on the General or Trainee Specialist Division of the Medical Council's register

Mandatory Courses:

Please note that all mandatory courses must be completed while on the RTP. Failure to complete these courses could affect certification of RTP completion. Bookings for all mandatory courses must be done by completing the relevant application form. No bookings for mandatory courses will be taken via telephone. Application forms are available from the website and must be submitted prior to the course date to secure a place on the course.

Confirmation of application and any further correspondence relating to RTP mandatory courses will be sent to your @physicians email address only. No other email address is acceptable. If you experience difficulties with your physicians email please email reform@rcpi.ie or telephone 01 863 9721 for assistance. Please note that if you have booked on a course and are unable to attend you must cancel within 10 working days prior to the course start date.

RTP Mandatory Courses

The following courses are mandatory for all Trainees registered in RTP. There is no fee to attend these programmes if you are registered in RTP.

Introduction to Clinical Audit

This is a half-day mandatory course for Trainees registered in RTP.

Topics to be discussed include rationale for engaging in clinical audit, direct and indirect benefits to medical practice, professional competence scheme, standards and criteria in measurement, data protection and confidentiality, the crossover between research, clinical audit and service evaluations, how to write and evaluate a clinical audit report, challenges in closing the clinical audit loop and implementing practice improvements.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Course Dates

7 September 2011
 11 October 2011
 22 November 2011
 17 February 2012
 23 March 2012
 15 May 2012
 13 June 2012

Introduction to Research Skills

This is a one-day mandatory course for Trainees registered in RTP.

Topics to be discussed include randomised controlled trials, observational studies, how to get started in research, how to design a research project, critical appraisal and how to read a paper.

Course Dates

29 September 2011
 26 October 2011
 10 November 2011
 6 December 2011
 20 January 2012
 29 March 2012
 25 May 2012

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No. 6, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Mastering Communication

This is a one-day mandatory course for Trainees registered in RTP. Topics to be discussed include effective communication skills, communicating with patients and relatives, effective communication in teams, negotiating skills and influencing skills.

Course Dates

21 September 2011
 7 December 2011
 19 January 2012
 25 February 2012
 13 March 2012
 24 April 2012
 31 May 2012
 21 June 2012

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No. 6, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

RTP Mandatory Courses

Masterclass Series

It is mandatory for all Trainees registered in RTP to attend a minimum of five of the Masterclass Series events which include Masterclasses, Clinical Updates, and Hot Topics. Please note that you can attend these events at RCPI, No. 6 Kildare Street, Dublin, or at one of RCPI's

approved webcast centres. Please refer to our website for a full list of these (www.rcpi.ie).

For a full list of the Masterclass Series events, please see page 25.

Higher Specialist Training

The aim of Higher Specialist Training (HST) is to produce doctors who are clinically excellent leaders in their fields and capable of handling the challenges that are faced by those in our health service every day.

On completion of HST, doctors are eligible to register with the Medical Council of Ireland as a medical specialist in their field and to apply for appointment to consultant posts.

Application for entry onto the training programme is by competitive interview. Applications for General Internal Medicine (GIM) open in October. Applications for all other specialties open in November. Application forms can be downloaded online at www.rcpi.ie once the recruitment process has begun.

HST in Ireland is conducted in the grade of Specialist Registrar (SpR). Within the College, the Medical Training Department oversees the training of doctors to specialist level in twenty-five specialties under the governance of six approved training bodies. The training bodies, in conjunction with the Medical Training Department, have developed curricula and approved training posts capable of furnishing all the training experiences necessary for SpRs.

The supervision and day-to-day administration of the training process is carried out by the Dean of Higher Specialist Training and the RCPI Medical Training Department.

The six training bodies in RCPI include:

- Irish Committee on Higher Medical Training, RCPI (ICHMT)
- Institute of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, RCPI
- Faculty of Occupational Medicine, RCPI
- Faculty of Paediatrics, RCPI
- Faculty of Pathology, RCPI
- Faculty of Public Health Medicine, RCPI

HST consists of two educational elements:

1. 4 – 6 years of supervised clinical training in approved SpR posts, during which certain skills must be acquired. These skills are listed in the relevant HST curriculum.
2. Several educational courses, depending on the specialty. Registered trainees are also required to complete HST Logbooks as a record of their progress through the programme.

Entry Requirements:

- Registration with the Medical Council of Ireland on the Trainee Specialist Division of the Register
- For the majority of specialties, completion of BST and MRCPI or MRCP (UK) is also required. The exceptions to this are Histopathology, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Occupational Medicine, Palliative Medicine and Public Health Medicine. The entry requirements for these are listed in the relevant HST curriculum.

Mandatory Courses:

Please note that all mandatory courses must be completed within the HST. Failure to complete these courses could affect certification of HST completion. Bookings for all mandatory courses must be done by completing the relevant application form. No bookings for mandatory courses will be taken via telephone. Application forms are available from the website and must be submitted prior to the course date to secure a place on the course.

Confirmation of application and any further correspondence relating to HST mandatory courses will be sent to your @physicians email address only. No other email address is acceptable. If you experience difficulties with your physicians email address please email reform@rcpi.ie or telephone 01 863 9721 for assistance. Please note that if you have booked on a course and are unable to attend you must cancel within 10 working days prior to the course start date.

HST Mandatory Courses

The following courses are mandatory for all Trainees registered in HST. There is no fee to attend these programmes if you are registered in HST.

Core Pathology Skills

This course is mandatory for Trainees registered in all Pathology HST subspecialties. Trainees must complete all three modules during HST. They do not have to be completed consecutively. The course aims to provide the skills for laboratory management.

Module 1: Laboratory Organisation

This one-day module is an introduction to laboratory organisation and covers legal/ethical issues, laboratory testing cycle, laboratory administration, management and design and risk management.

Module 2: Human Resources and Financial & Information Management

This one-day module covers staffing and HR procedures, financial management, health and safety, laboratory automation, clinical laboratory informatics, and education & research in Pathology.

Module 3: Pathology Specialities, Organisation and Quality Management

This one-day module covers histopathology and cytopathology, chemical pathology, immunology, medical microbiology, haematology and blood transfusion, laboratory automation, quality assurance, lean six sigma and the clinical laboratory.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Frederick House, 19 South Frederick St. Dublin 2

Course Dates

Module 1
14 October 2011

Module 2
2 March 2012

Module 3
8 June 2012

Delivering Thrombolysis in a Clinical Practice

This is a one-day mandatory course for Trainees registered in Geriatrics HST only.

This course will cover the evidence base for intravenous stroke thrombolysis, neuro-imaging, stroke mimics along with practical aspects and governance issues. There will also be small group sessions reviewing clinical cases.

Venue

Further details to be confirmed.

Course Dates

14 October 2011
18 November 2011
9 March 2012
25 May 2012

HST Mandatory Courses

Endoscopy Programme

This programme is mandatory for Trainees registered in Gastroenterology HST from July 2011. To register for training, Trainees will be registered with the Conjoint Board of RCPI and RCSI at the commencement of training. Please contact your HST specialty administrator for further details.

On entry to the programme, Trainees will be required to attend a simulator course. All Trainees must attend a basic endoscopy course in year one and a hands-on colonoscopy course in later stages of training.

1. Endoscopy Simulator Course

This course is mandatory for Trainees registered in Gastroenterology HST who elect to be enrolled on the endoscopy training programme, and must be completed in the first three months.

2. Basic Skills of GI Endoscopy

This course is mandatory for Trainees registered in Gastroenterology HST who elect to be enrolled on the endoscopy training programme. This

course is an introduction to diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy.

3. Hands-on Colonoscopy

This course is mandatory for Trainees registered in Gastroenterology HST 2nd year and upwards. The aim of this course is to improve the performance of colonoscopy by providing hands-on training.

Venue

1. The Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin
2. Beaumont Hospital, Dublin (TBC)
3. Beaumont Hospital, Dublin (TBC)

Course Date

Endoscopy Simulator Course
TBC

Basic Skills in GI Endoscopy
14 October 2011

Hands-on Endoscopy
TBC

HST Mandatory Courses

Ethics

This is a mandatory course for Trainees registered in HST. There are four ethics modules within HST which Trainees are required to complete over the period of their training. They do not have to be completed consecutively. The first three modules are aimed at all specialties and the fourth module is specialty specific.

1. Ethics I: Professionalism

This one-day module will cover professional issues arising from medical practice in the Irish Healthcare System.

2. Ethics II: Ethics and Law

This one-day module will cover ethical and legal issues arising from medical practice in the Irish Healthcare System.

3. Ethics III: Research Ethics

This one-day module will cover ethical issues in research which arise in the Irish Healthcare System.

4. Ethics IV: Specialty Specific

a) End of Life Issues for GIM

This one-day module will cover end of life issues in General Internal Medicine arising from medical practice in the Irish Healthcare System.

b) End of Life/Beginning of Life for Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Paediatrics

This one-day module will cover end of life and beginning of life issues arising from O&G and Paediatrics medical practice in the Irish Healthcare System.

c) Ethical Issues for Public Health and Occupational Medicine

This one-day module will cover issues arising from Public Health and Occupational Medicine medical practice in the Irish Healthcare system.

d) Ethical Issues for Pathology

This one-day module will cover issues arising from Pathology medical practice in the Irish Healthcare system.

Course Dates

Ethics I

19 August 2011

Ethics II

16 December 2011

Ethics III

9 March 2012

Ethics IV

22 June 2012 (for all specialties)

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No.6 Kildare St. Dublin 2

HST Mandatory Courses

Leadership Skills

This is a three-day mandatory course for 3rd year Trainees and upwards registered in HST. The practice of medicine is entering a new era with fresh challenges and demands being placed on doctors operating at a senior level. In particular, practice has been altered to reflect the fact that doctors are expected to play a far greater role in managing and securing health resources.

This course aims to help doctors acquire relevant written and verbal communication skills which enable them to communicate successfully with peers, patients and families throughout their medical careers, and which will facilitate the development of governance structures within health care. For doctors to contribute to future

health reforms in a dynamic and positive way, they will require a greater understanding of the principles of personal awareness, negotiation and team working and project planning.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No. 6 Kildare St. Dublin 2

Course Dates

6 – 8 October 2011
 15 – 17 December 2011
 23 – 25 February 2012
 19 – 21 April 2012
 14 – 16 June 2012

Mastering Communication

This is a one-day course mandatory for 1st year Trainees registered in HST. Topics to be discussed include effective communication skills, communicating with patients and relatives, effective communication in teams, negotiating skills and influencing skills.

* Please note if you have already completed this course in RTP, it is not necessary to repeat the course in HST.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No. 6 Kildare St. Dublin 2

Course Dates

21 September 2011
 7 December 2011
 19 January 2012
 25 February 2012
 13 March 2012
 24 April 2012
 31 May 2012
 21 June 2012

Minimal Access Skills

This is a one-day mandatory course for all Trainees registered in Obstetrics and Gynaecology HST. This course provides laparoscopic training where participants perform minimal access surgical procedures.

Venue

The National Clinical Skills Centre, The Coombe

Dates

31 May 2012

HST Mandatory Courses

Nutrition

This is a one-day mandatory course for Trainees registered in Gastroenterology HST. It is also open to other specialties in HST.

The main objective is to give a foundation in nutritional science and applied nutrition which will benefit participants in their understanding of the interface between nutrition and health.

Participants will explore nutritional deficiencies in relation to problems related to gastroenterology.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No. 6, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Dates

16 September 2011

Performing Audit

This is a one-day mandatory course for 1st Year Trainees registered in HST. Please note if you have already completed Clinical Audit in RTP, it is not necessary to do this course. However, as this course is more advanced it recommended.

Participants will be exposed to tools for quality improvement in clinical practice that will ultimately benefit patient care. Topics to be discussed include conducting a clinical audit, making recommendations as part of the clinical audit cycle, identifying areas suitable for clinical audit within the context of the professional competence

scheme, managing the distinction between clinical audit and research and those overlaps that may occur.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Frederick House, 19 South Frederick St. Dublin 2

Dates

25 November 2011

25 January 2012

26 April 2012

Additional Specialty Courses

Please note that the following specialty specific courses will be developed in the coming academic year. Further information will be circulated to trainees in the relevant specialties as soon as possible.

- **Paediatrics**
 - Normal Childhood Development

- **Haematology**
 - Safe Prescribing and Prescribing Chemotherapy
 - Molecular Haematology

- **Rheumatology**
 - Musculoskeletal Workshop
 - Crystal Analysis

Professional Development Courses

Clinical Paediatric Skills

This one-day course is for all clinicians in Paediatrics as well as those studying for the MRCPI Medicine of Childhood Part II Clinical Exam.

The session will be interactive and the topics to be discussed will include neonatal exam, and paediatric CVs examination. Other topics that will be covered include the approach to the paediatric patient, examination of the child with cerebral palsy, paediatric musculoskeletal/rheumatological examination, paediatric respiratory examination,

and examination of the GIT system in the paediatric patient

Venue

Dublin TBC

Registration

Fee is €200

Dates

March 2012 TBC

Delivering Thrombolysis in a Clinical Practice

This is a one-day course highly recommended for Trainees registered in RTP and HST. Topics to be discussed include understanding the psychophysiology of stress, stress and the workplace, coping with stress at the individual and organisational levels and supports available within the workplace.

Venue

Further details to be confirmed.

Registration

The course fee is or €300 for RCPI Trainees. Note: There is no fee for Geriatrics Trainees in HST.

Course Dates

14 October 2011
18 November 2011
9 March 2012
25 May 2012

Educational Assessment Skills

This is a half-day course for all SpRs and Consultants. Topics to be discussed include blueprinting and alignment of assessment with curriculum, MCQ item writing, standards setting in MCQ examination, and MCQ item performance and review.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Frederick House, 19 South Frederick St. Dublin 2

Registration

No fee applies but prior booking is essential.

Course Dates

28 March 2012

Professional Development Courses

Elder Abuse: Recognition and Response

This is a one-day course recommended for BST, RTP, and HST Trainees working with the elderly. Topics to be addressed include how to recognise the signs of abuse, how to assess an older patient, and discussion around case studies.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No 6 Kildare St. Dublin 2

Registration

TBC

Dates

8 September 2011
29 March 2012

Immunology for Clinicians

This one-day course will describe the “nuts and bolts” of the immune system and is suitable for all BST, RTP and HST Trainees. A general introduction to the organisation of the immune system will be given as well as discussing problems that can develop when the immune response is overactive (auto-immunity, allergy) and underactive (immune deficiency). Information will be given about immunology tests which can be very helpful in deciding if clinical disorders caused by the immune system are present.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Frederick House, Dublin 2

Registration

No fee applies to registered Trainees.

Course Date

17 November 2011
14 March 2012

Introduction to Management and Leadership Skills

This is a one-day course highly recommended for Trainees registered in RTP and HST. Topics to be discussed include the competency framework for clinical leadership, effective health care team leadership, supervising and managing others, managing performance at the service and individual levels, goals, delegation and feedback skills.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Frederick House, Dublin 2

Registration

There is no fee for registered Trainees.

Course Dates

15 September 2011
23 November 2011
7 February 2012
9 March 2012
26 April 2012
16 June 2012

Professional Development Courses

Introduction to Research Skills

This is a one-day course recommended for 1st year Trainees registered in HST. Topics to be discussed include randomised controlled trials, observational studies, how to get started in research, how to design a research project, critical appraisal and how to read a paper.

* Please note if you have already completed this course in RTP, it is not necessary to repeat it.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Frederick House, 19 South Frederick St. Dublin 2

Registration

There is no fee for Trainees registered in HST.

Course Dates

29 September 2011
26 October 2011
10 November 2011
6 December 2011
20 January 2012
29 March 2012

MedicALS

This is a two day course for all doctors who deal with acute medical emergencies. The ALS Certification is valid for four years. The course is highly participative, with the use of a variety of learning techniques, which includes lectures, skills, workshops, and resuscitation simulations.

Venue

The Brookfield Health Sciences Centre, Cork

Registration

The course fee is €900 for registered trainees.

Course Dates

TBC

Occupational Stress

This is a one-day course highly recommended for Trainees registered in RTP and HST. Topics to be discussed include understanding the psychophysiology of stress, stress and the workplace, coping with stress at the individual and organisational levels and supports available within the workplace.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No. 6, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Registration

There is no fee for registered RTP & HST Trainees.

Course Dates

20 October 2011
17 December 2011
11 January 2012
27 April 2012

Professional Development Courses

Patient Safety (Online)

This online course is open to all Trainees, Members and Fellows. Topics include understanding adverse events and near misses, responding to and learning from adverse events, and caring for the second victim. More information is available on Moodle.

Registration

Registration for this Moodle course can be done through the Trainee website.

Course Dates

Not Applicable

Effective Teaching and Supervising Skills

This course is recommended for Trainees registered in HST. It consists of online modules which cover topics such as bedside teaching, giving feedback and teaching in a clinical setting.

There is also a one-day practical workshop where participants will learn how to plan and organise teaching sessions for large and small groups, write objectives for a teaching session, recognise some of the advantages and disadvantages of large and small group teaching, manage small groups effectively and, and effective supervision.

* Please note: The online components **must** be completed prior to the workshop.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No. 6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Registration

There is no fee for registered Trainees.

Course Dates

5 October 2011
14 December 2011
2 February 2012
19 April 2012
16 May 2012
15 June 2012

Ultrasound

This course is mandatory for Trainees registered in Obstetrics and Gynaecology BST. It is recommended for Trainees registered in Obstetrics and Gynaecology RTP and HST. The course is made up of online modules and workplace based assessments.

Topics include early pregnancy ultrasound, biophysical score, foetal biometry and placental site, and ultrasound of the adnexa. For each of the modules participants are required to complete the online section, a series of corresponding Objective Structured Assessments for Technical

Skills (OSATS) and then record a number of cases before moving on to the next module.

Venue

Assessments will be completed in your relevant hospital. Online modules are available on Moodle.

Registration

Registration for this Moodle course can be done through the Trainee website.

Course Dates

Not Applicable

Diplomas

Diploma in Cerebrovascular & Stroke Medicine

The Diploma in Cerebrovascular & Stroke Medicine is suitable for Trainees in a number of fields, including General Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Rehabilitation Medicine, Neurology, Clinical Pharmacology, Emergency Medicine and Anaesthesia.

The Diploma may also be beneficial to Trainees in Vascular Surgery and Neurosurgery and General Practitioners with a significant practice in Cerebrovascular Disease. **Applicants who wish to apply must have completed their RCPI membership exams or equivalent.**

The course is 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 in different centres. There will be a self directed learning component to be completed between each session.

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.

Venue

The course will be held in the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No 6 Kildare Street, Dublin as well as a number of sessions in stroke units in the major teaching hospitals.

Registration

The fee is €2250 for RCPI Trainees. Registration is now open for the 2011 – 2012 academic year.

Dates

September 2011 – June 2012

Exam

The exam for the Diploma in Cerebrovascular & Stroke Medicine will be held in June 2012.

RCPI Masterclass Series 2011-2012

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland now has a series of Masterclass, Clinical Update and Hot Topic educational events. These events are held in RCPI No. 6 Kildare Street and there is no registration fee for Trainees, Members and Fellows of RCPI. The Masterclass events are webcasted to over 25 regional centres. All Masterclass Series events are recorded and made available to view on the private RCPI websites. Please note that dates and topics for the Masterclass Series are subject to change.

Masterclasses

RCPI Masterclasses are targeted at general physicians and allow those at the front line of our health service to continuously improve their skill base, effectively facilitating excellence in patient care.

Masterclasses are designed for keeping doctors up to date in evolving medical practice outside their specialty area and to facilitate their continuing medical education. They focus on optimum early management and provide advice on what to do in the first 24 hours. Masterclasses also highlight recent advances in the management of common medical conditions that require hospital admission as well as discussing early intervention that may prevent hospital admission or facilitate appropriate discharge.

There are seven sessions in 2011-2012, each focusing on a specific specialty. Each session is broadcast live by webcast to over 25 hospitals nationwide. The sessions are also recorded and made available to Trainees, Members and

Fellows of the College as streamed webcasts via the RCPI Online Medical Education Centre.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No 6 Kildare St. Dublin 2 and RCPI approved webcast centres. Please refer to the RCPI website for a full list of these (www.rcpi.ie)

Registration

Registration will commence from 4.30pm with the programme starting promptly at 5.00 pm.

Dates

25 October 2011 – Geriatrics and Neuropathology
8 February 2012 – Cardiology
1 March 2012 – Paediatrics
23 March 2012 – Obstetrics and Gynaecology
18 April 2012 - Nephrology
9 May 2012 – Endocrinology
6 June 2012 – Sports Medicine

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Clinical Updates

Clinical Updates are designed to take a current medical topic and explore the role and contribution of various specialties in its management. The framework for each update is flexible and open, allowing for a variety of topics and specialties to be included.

The target audience consists of general physicians, general practitioners, specialist nurses, and other Healthcare professionals.

There are seven sessions in 2011-2012, each focusing on a specific topic. Each session is recorded and made available to Trainees, Members and Fellows of the College as streamed webcasts via the RCPI Online Medical Education Centre.

Venue

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No 6 Kildare St. Dublin 2

Registration

Registration will commence from 4.30pm with the programme starting promptly at 5.00 pm.

Course Dates

13 September 2011 – Critical Care II
 16 November 2011 – The Vulnerable Older Patient
 17 January 2012 – Infection Control
 21 February 2012 – Thromboembolic Disease
 7 March 2012 – Ageing and Women's Health
 27 March 2012 – Public Health (Health Screening)
 24 April 2012 – Ageing and Men's Health
 22 May 2012 – Rehab Medicine: Spasticity Pain

Hot Topics

Hot Topics address burning issues around the prevalence of disease in a particular sub-specialty and are delivered over a full day. The day will cover the range of problems related to the selected topic and will include current and new developments addressing these issues. The series is designed to explore areas of controversy and to facilitate interactive debates.

The target audience is primary and secondary care professionals that include physicians, pharmacists, specialist nurses, allied health professionals and trainees.

There are currently three planned days with the opportunity for additional dates. The sessions are also recorded and made available to Trainees, Members and Fellows of the College as streamed

webcasts via the RCPI Online Medical Education Centre.

Venue

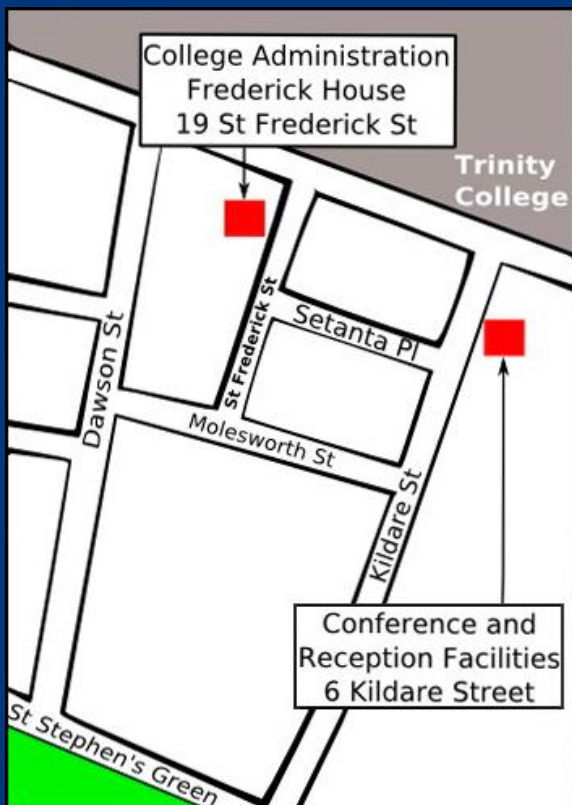
The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, No 6 Kildare St. Dublin 2

Registration

Registration will commence from 9.00 with the programme starting promptly at 9.30.

Course Dates

13 October 2011 – Immunotherapy in Oncology
 9 December 2011 – 24 Hours in the AMU
 27 January 2012 – Gastroenterology and Hepatology
 27 April – Respiratory



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