



ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

Acute MedicALS Course (Acute Medical Emergencies: The Practical Approach) TBC 2010

For Whom

This course is for all doctors that deal with acute medical emergencies (SHOs and above). The ALS Certification is valid for four years. The course is limited to 24 places so early booking is essential. All bookings are at a first come first served basis.

The faculty includes:

- Dr. Gerry McCarthy, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Cork University Hospital, Cork (Course Director)
- Dr. Wayne Wrathall, Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary, Scotland
- Dr. Gareth Quin, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Mid-Western Regional Hospital, Limerick
- Dr. Alan Watts, Registrar, Emergency Department, St. James's Hospital, Dublin 8
- Dr. Cornelia Hartel, Helsingborg Hospital, Sweden
- Dr. Slowamir Wisniewski, Helsingborg Hospital, Sweden

Course Programme

Lectures:

- Structured Approach to Medical Emergencies
- Transport of the Critically Ill Medical Patient
- The Breathless Patient
- The Shocked Patient
- The Poisoned Patient
- The Collapsed Patient
- Patient with Headache
- The 'Don't Know'

Skills Stations:

- Chest Pain
- Airway
- Vascular Access
- Pulse Oximetry
- Peri-arrest Rhythms
- Chest X ray interpretation
- Chest Drains/Pericardiocentesis
- Neurological Assessment
- Lumbar Puncture
- Use of inotropes
- ABG Interpretation
- Blood Test Interpretation
- Fluid Balance and Electrolytes
- Other: Rash; hot joints; abdominal pain; hot swollen leg; pyrexia



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Learning Methods

The course is highly participative with the use of a variety of learning techniques, which includes lectures, skills, workshops, and resuscitation simulations.

Course Delivery

The course will run for two and a half days inclusive. **Day 1** will commence at 9.30am sharp and will finish at 7.30 pm. **Day 2** will commence at 8.30am sharp and will finish at 6.30pm. **Day 3** will commence at 8.30am sharp and will finish at 4.30 pm.

Venue

The programme will take place in the Haven Bay Care Centre, Kinsale, Co. Cork. Website www.havenbay.ie

Accommodation

Further information regarding accommodation will be confirmed shortly. Please be advised that accommodation is not included in the course fee.

Course Fee

Inclusive of tuition, documentation, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea, the course fee is **€1150**. RCPI Collegiate 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 ten working days or less before course date.

CME

This programme is accredited for 24 CME Credits
