



ROYAL COLLEGE OF
PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

BENEFITS AND SERVICES

FOR FELLOWS



2011 - 2012

Becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) provides an opportunity to contribute to the development and maintenance of high professional standards in specialist medical practice through leadership, support and advocacy roles within the College. At a time when doctors are facing change in almost every aspect of their working lives – clinical practice, training and professional competence – RCPI has a vital part to play in supporting Fellows through these changes as well as influencing the future direction of the profession.

Fellowship – an internationally recognised standard of excellence - allows the Fellows to play a full part in the governance and future direction of the College and also provides lifelong benefits and services. These include the right to use the post nominal FRCPI, privileged access to a range of educational events, access to one of the most important historical medical library collections in Ireland and the ability to help shape the future of the medical profession

Influence and Representation

RCPI is a highly respected and influential body within the health sector. RCPI represents the views and experience of practising clinicians to ensure that the highest possible standards of medical training and patient care are maintained.

Fellows can contribute to these initiatives by:

- Participating on Council, standing and external committees.
- Participating in key leadership roles within the College, such as Officer, Trainer, National Specialty Director and/or as Council members.
- Participating in healthcare policy and public advocacy programmes and groups.
- Utilising their right to propose candidates to Fellowship (FRCPI) and to vote during RCPI elections.

Professional Competence

RCPI's professional competence programme reflects our commitment to lifelong learning as a professional obligation throughout a Fellow's career. Participation in the programme enables Fellows to identify gaps between actual and optimal performance, partake in educational activities and document the impact of learning on practice.

The programme promotes the enhancement of specialty-specific knowledge, skills, attitudes and performance and engagement in learning linked to a range of competencies

required to provide excellence in clinical care, education and research. Training bodies of RCPI have established professional competence schemes pursuant to the Medical Council's powers under Section 91 (2) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007. Fellowship provides reduced rates to enrol on a PCS scheme established by these training bodies.

Training and Education

RCPI provides postgraduate education and training through an extensive annual education programme of events, and is also making increasing use of technology to deliver a wide range of online learning opportunities, including web-streamed lectures and Moodle-based courses. Much of this education is provided by Fellows, and there are extensive opportunities to become involved in the development of programmes, as well as their delivery.

Also included in Fellowship:

- RCPI Masterclass Series programme.
- RCPI Hot Topics programme.
- RCPI Clinical Updates programme.
- RCPI Train the Trainer courses.
- RCPI St. Luke's Day Symposium.
- Access to RCPI Moodle facility.
- Preferred rates on RCPI education and training courses.

Information

RCPI provides a range of information services, such as:

- Listing on the RCPI Directory of Fellows.
- RCPI Today – a regular ezine which provides Fellows with an update on news, activities and programmes.
- RCPI also owns one of the finest collections of historical medical books and journals in Ireland and the Dun's Library, Archive and Genealogy services welcomes inquiries from Fellows to support their work and interest.

Professional and Social Activities

Hire of facilities for professional and social activities at preferred rates is also a benefit of Fellowship, as follows:

50% discount on room hire of the conference and events centre at No 6 Kildare Street, Dublin, www.numbersix.ie. Note that use of the Fellows Room, a private meeting room in No 6 Kildare Street, is available to all Fellows at no charge. Free access to meeting rooms at the administrative centre at Frederick House, 19 South Frederick Street, Dublin, www.rcpi.ie is also a benefit of Fellowship as well as attendance at award and admission ceremonies at no cost and preferred rates for tickets to social events and dinners.

If you are interested in finding out how to participate in RCPI activities and programmes, please contact RCPI Members and Fellows Services at fellows@rcpi.ie.

Please note that there are reduced subscription rates for retired Fellows and for Fellows in developing countries. Please contact RCPI Member and Fellow Services at fellows@rcpi.ie for further information.