



INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICIANS
& GYNAECOLOGISTS

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

BENEFITS AND SERVICES

FOR MEMBERS



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Becoming a Member of the Institute of Obstetricians and gynaecologists, 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 Institute. At a time when doctors are facing change in almost every aspect of their working lives – clinical practice, training and professional competence – the Institute has a vital part to play in supporting Members through these changes as well as influencing the future direction of the profession.

Membership of the Institute allows the Members to play a full part in the governance and future direction of the Institute and also provides lifelong benefits and services. These include 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

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

Members can contribute to these initiatives by:

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

Professional Competence

RCPI's professional competence programme reflects our commitment to lifelong learning as a professional obligation throughout a doctor's career.

Participation in the programme enables Members 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. Membership provides reduced rates to enrol on a PCS scheme established by these training bodies.

Training and Education

An extensive annual education programme of events is provided, along with the 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 Members, and there are extensive opportunities to become involved in the development of programmes, as well as their delivery.

Membership of the Institute also provides:

- 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

The Institute provides a range of information services, such as:

- Listing on the Institute Directory of Members.
- Matrix – a regular ezine tailored to the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.
- RCPI Today – a regular ezine which provides Members with an update on news, activities and programmes.
- Access to one of the finest collections of historical medical books and journals in Ireland. The Dun's Library, Archive and Genealogy services welcomes inquiries from Members 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 Membership, 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 Members 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 Membership 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 Institute activities and programmes, please contact Institute Member Services at iog@rcpi.ie

Please note that there are reduced subscription rates for retired Members and for Members in developing countries. Please contact Institute member Services at iog@rcpi.ie for further information.