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Programme Description:

INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME IN

**ADVANCED
GYNAECOLOGY SURGERY**



INTRODUCTION

The International Clinical Fellowship Programme (ICFP) provides a route for overseas doctors wishing to undergo structured and advanced postgraduate medical training in Ireland. The ICFP enables suitably qualified overseas postgraduate medical Trainees to undertake a fixed period of active training in clinical services in Ireland.

The purpose of the ICFP is to enable overseas Trainees to gain access to structured training and active clinical environments, with a view to enhancing and improving the individual's medical training and learning and, in the medium to long term, the health services in their own countries.

This Programme will allow participants to access a structured period of training and experience as developed by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland to specifically meet the clinical needs of participants as defined by their home country's health service.

Core elements of all programmes include:

- Patient care that is appropriate, effective and compassionate in dealing with health problems and health promotion.
- Medical knowledge in the basic biomedical, behavioural and clinical sciences, medical ethics and medical jurisprudence and application of such knowledge in patient care.
- Interpersonal and communication skills that ensure effective information exchange with individual patients and their families and teamwork with other health professionals, the scientific community and the public.
- Appraisal and utilisation of new scientific knowledge to update and continuously improve clinical practice.
- Capability to be a scholar, contributing to development and research in the field of the chosen specialty.
- Professionalism.
- Ability to understand healthcare and identify and carry out system-based improvement of care.

TRAINING PROGRAMME DURATION AND ORGANISATION OF TRAINING

The period of clinical training that will be provided under the International Clinical Fellowship Programme (ICFP) for Advanced Gynaecology Surgery is 2 years.

- Each ICFP is developed by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland will be specifically designed so as to meet the training needs of participants to support the health service in their home country.
- All appointees to the ICFP will be assessed by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland to ensure that they possess the necessary requirements from a training and clinical service perspective.
- Each overseas doctor participating in the ICFP will be enrolled with the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and will be under the supervision of a consultant doctor who is registered on the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council and who is an approved consultant trainer.
- Appointees to the ICFP will normally be registered on the Supervised Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland.
- Appointees will agree on a training plan with their trainers at the beginning of each training year.
- For the duration of their International Medical Graduate (IMG) programme and associated clinical placements, all participants will remain directly employed and directly paid by their sponsoring state at a rate appropriate to their training level in Ireland and benchmarked against the salary scales applicable to NCHD in Ireland.
- Successful completion of an ICFP will result in the participant being issued with a formal Certificate of completion for the Fellowship Programme by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. This Certificate will enable the participant's parent training body in their sponsoring home country to formally recognise and accredit their time spent training in Ireland.
- The training programme offered will provide opportunities to fulfil all the requirements of the curriculum of training.
- There will be posts in both general hospitals and teaching hospitals.
- Each post within the programme will have a named trainer/educational supervisor and programmes will be under the direction of the National Specialist Director of the relevant medical speciality to be confirmed by the College.
- Programmes will be as flexible as possible and consistent with curricular requirements, for example, to allow the Fellow to develop their subspecialty interest.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME

Here follows a summary of the areas of experience expected by an International Fellow undertaking the ICFP in Advanced Gynaecology Surgery.

1. PROFESSIONALISM

This section details the elements of training and service provision that all International Fellows are expected to comply with, including the Irish Medical Council Guidelines for Good Professional Practice and other core professional and clinical skills.



2. SPECIALTY EXPERIENCE

Specialty-specific required learning outcomes or skills and knowledge will be outlined in the training curriculum. Fellows are encouraged to reflect on case-based learning and are provided with feedback from their assigned trainer. The Fellow will keep a logbook of procedures, activities and cases. For Advanced Gynaecology Surgery, specialty experience would typically cover the following areas:

Specialty Experience

OPEN BENIGN GYNAECOLOGICAL SURGERY

- Patients selection and counselling
- Abdominal hysterectomy +/- bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy (BSO)
- Oophorectomy ovarian cystectomy
- Myomectomy
- Adhesiolysis drainage of pelvic abscess post-hysterectomy oophorectomy
- Control major haemorrhage
- Recognise and repair of bowel and bladder damage
- Intraoperative, post operative and long term complications and management

LAPAROSCOPIC BENIGN ABDOMINAL SURGERY

- Patients selection, care and counselling
- Laparoscopic set up and management
- Veress needle, Hasson direct and Palmer's point entry techniques
- Position and safe insertion of secondary ports
- Assess peritoneal cavity including ureteric visualisation
- Tissue retrieval and handling techniques
- Laparoscopic suturing
- Intraoperative, post operative and long term complications and management
- Adhesiolysis
- Ovarian cystectomy and oophorectomy
- Excision and ablation of peritoneal endometriosis and ovarian endometrioma
- Laparoscopically assisted vaginal hysterectomy and laparoscopic hysterectomy

HYSTEROSCOPIC BENIGN SURGERY

- First-generation endometrial ablation
- Transcervical resection of the endometrium
- (TCRE)/transcervical resection of fibroid (TCRF)
- Resect submucous fibroids grade 0-2
- Resect intrauterine adhesions/septum
- Loop ball, Collins knife and bipolar electrodes
- Ability to perform hysteroscopic procedures in a fluent and safe manner
- Electro-surgery
- Hysteroscopic fluid management

DIAGNOSTIC HYSTEROSCOPY - OUTPATIENT SETTING

- Managing difficult cervical dilatation
- Managing complications intra- and postoperatively

3. ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION

In addition to the experiential learning and feedback provided, Fellows are expected to participate in:

- Outpatient Clinics
- Ward Rounds
- Consultations
- Emergencies/Complicated Cases
- Grand Rounds
- Multidisciplinary Team Meetings
- Clinical Audits
- Structured Observed Assessments
- Quarterly Assessments of Progress

The Fellow will also be invited to attend all Obstetrics and Gynaecology study days and will be eligible to complete RCPI courses including:

- Ethics Foundation
- An Introduction to Health Research
- HST Leadership in Clinical Practice
- Mastering Communications
- Performing Audit
- Wellness Matters