



**INSTITUTE
OF MEDICINE**
ROYAL COLLEGE OF
PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

Basic Specialist Training – General Internal Medicine

Equivalence of Basic Specialist Training – programme undertaken outside Ireland

The RPT process is the formal recognition of a structured medical training programme which, if deemed equivalent to one of our BST programmes, will enable application to a RCPI HST training programme and avoid unnecessary duplication of training. It does not enable the applicant to receive a BST Certificate of Completion from the RCPI. The applicant must have completed a structured training programme in full and have evidence to prove same. For more, please see:

[Download Pilot Recognition of Prior Training \(PDF, 324KB\)](#)

Retrospective Recognition

General Internal Medicine does not recognise any retrospective recognition for standalone posts held in Ireland, i.e. posts undertaken at SHO and/or Registrar level while not registered on an accredited Basic Specialist Training programme.

Reciprocity of Basic Specialist Training programmes in Ireland

Consideration will be taken on a case by case basis for those trainees who wish to transfer from other postgraduate training programmes recognised by Irish postgraduate training bodies in the Irish Health Care System – general practice, surgery, anaesthesia and emergency medicine. In these cases applicants who have successfully completed two years BST in general practice, surgery, anaesthesia or emergency medicine may enter BST General Internal Medicine at year 2 (i.e. be given the equivalent of 12 months credit) under the provision that the training completed is relevant and corresponds with the BST General Internal Medicine Curriculum. The 12 months credit will only be applied once the trainee has been offered a place on the BST General Internal Medicine programme.

[The IOM BST Training Handbook can be reviewed under 'Training Guides' here](#)



Basic Specialist Training – Histopathology

Equivalence of Basic Specialist Training – programme undertaken outside Ireland

Programmes undertaken outside of Ireland are not considered for equivalence of Basic Specialist Training for Histopathology.

Retrospective Recognition

Histopathology does not recognise any retrospective recognition for standalone posts held in Ireland, i.e. posts undertaken at SHO and/or Registrar level while not registered on an accredited Basic Specialist Training programme.

Reciprocity of Basic Specialist Training programmes in Ireland

Trainees must complete two years on the Histopathology Basic Speciality Training programme. There is no reciprocity with any other recognised training programmes.

[The Histopathology BST Training Handbook can be reviewed under 'Training Guides' here](#)



**INSTITUTE OF
OBSTETRICIANS &
GYNAECOLOGISTS**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF
PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

Basic Specialist Training – Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Equivalence of Basic Specialist Training – programme undertaken outside Ireland

Programmes undertaken outside of Ireland are not considered for equivalence of Basic Specialist Training for Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Retrospective Recognition

Obstetrics and Gynaecology does not recognise any retrospective recognition for standalone posts held in Ireland, i.e. posts undertaken at SHO and/or Registrar level while not registered on an accredited Basic Specialist Training programme.

Reciprocity of Basic Specialist Training programmes in Ireland

Trainees must complete three years on the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Basic Speciality Training programme. There is no reciprocity with any other recognised training programmes.

[The Obstetrics and Gynaecology BST Training Handbook can be reviewed under 'Training Guides' here](#)



**FACULTY OF
PAEDIATRICS**

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Basic Specialist Training – General Paediatrics

Equivalence of Basic Specialist Training – programme undertaken outside Ireland

Programmes undertaken outside of Ireland are not considered for equivalence of Basic Specialist Training for General Paediatrics.

Retrospective Recognition

General Paediatrics does not recognise any retrospective recognition for standalone posts held in Ireland, i.e. posts undertaken at SHO and/or Registrar level while not registered on an accredited Basic Specialist Training programme.

Reciprocity of Basic Specialist Training programmes in Ireland

Trainees must complete two years on the General Paediatrics Basic Speciality Training programme. There is no reciprocity with any other recognised training programmes.

[The General Paediatrics BST Training Handbook can be reviewed under 'Training Guides' here](#)