



How we support your training

When you are appointed to an internal medicine training (IMT) or specialty training post, you need to enrol with the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB) and pay an enrolment fee.† This is either a one-off payment, or via instalments if you decide to pay alongside a membership subscription with one of the royal colleges of physicians.

Our activities

JRCPTB is a not-for-profit organisation. Your enrolment fee is used to fund all of our activities and services to:

- > support you in your training
- > ensure JRCPTB meets its legal and operational responsibilities to the General Medical Council (GMC)
- > continue to develop and raise standards in physician education and training.

As well as providing access to – and developing – your ePortfolio, the JRCPTB:

- > writes and updates the IMT and 32 specialty and sub-specialty training curricula
- > offers advice on qualification and career progression
- > provides external assessors for annual review of competence progression (ARCP)
- > approves educational credit for out-of-programme posts, which can be counted towards a certificate of completion of training (CCT)

- > gathers, reviews and provides evidence to recommend applicants who have completed the required curriculum requirements to the GMC to enable it to award a CCT and entry onto the specialist register
- > works with Health Education England local offices, Health Education and Improvement Wales, Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency, NHS Education for Scotland and the GMC on quality management training programmes
- > supports national recruitment for 29 specialties and IMT.

Our aims

Our ultimate objective is to continually improve patient care by setting and maintaining standards for the highest quality of physician training in the UK on behalf of the Royal College of Physicians of London, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. >>>

1,030

trainee applications for a CCT processed*

200+

out-of-programme credit applications processed

Progress of

6,500

specialty and 3,000 IMT trainees monitored each year*

The JRCPTB monitors and records the training progress of 6,500 specialty trainees, trainees, and 3,000 IMT trainees

Supporting you during your training

We provide every physician trainee with access to our ePortfolio, enabling them to record evidence of their experience, competences and courses for their entire medical training period. We are committed to a programme of ePortfolio development and improvement to ensure that it meets the current and future needs of both trainees and their supervisors.

We monitor every trainee physician's progress through their training, providing expertise and advice as required for trainees and their supervisors. We review and approve applications for credit for out-of-programme episodes, provide external assessors for ARCP panels, and ultimately make recommendations for the award of a CCT.

Developing and improving your curriculum

With assistance and input from each of the Specialty Advisory Committees (SACs), JRCPTB sets and reviews the IMT and 32 specialty and sub-specialty curricula, incorporating lay, service and professional perspectives, leadership competencies and health inequalities. We have since continued with an ongoing programme to develop new curricula and assessment systems, working to the GMC's timetable for 'minor' and 'major' changes.

We have developed new internal medicine and specialty curricula, which will use competencies in practice (CiPs) for the very first time. This is a major step forward in how trainees will learn and be assessed, and puts an end to the often criticised 'tick box methodology' of previous assessment systems.

Raising quality

JRCPTB constantly monitors and seeks to drive improvement in the standard of internal medicine training and of training for all medical specialties on behalf of the three royal colleges of physicians.

Our SACs are actively involved in assisting and supporting Health Education and Improvement Wales, Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency, NHS Education for Scotland and Health Education England local offices to manage and improve the quality of education within each of their approved training locations. Each SAC draws together experts from across the four nations and is comprised of leading consultants responsible for delivering training, trainees and lay representatives. They also contribute to an annual specialty report which we compile and submit to the GMC, highlighting:

- > any concerns relating to patient or trainee safety
- > concerns about delivery of curriculum, or educational environment
- > examples of good practice within the medical specialties.

Quality criteria to improve your training experience

In 2015, we launched new quality criteria for core medical training (CMT) to enhance the educational experience of trainee doctors, drive up the quality of training environments and ultimately, improve patient safety and experience. In 2016 the three UK royal colleges of physicians (London, Edinburgh and Glasgow) asked that a similar approach be developed to support the educational experience of doctors undertaking the demanding role of either general internal medicine (GIM) or acute internal medicine (AIM) registrar.

500

external assessors provided for ARCPs*

32 specialty, sub-specialty and IMT

curricula written and updated

*Information correct as of May 2022

The difficulties faced by registrars involved in the unselected acute medical take were already well documented, however, it was felt that specific and measurable quality criteria would help set a practical vision outlining how doctors might be better assisted and educationally supported to perform this role, which could also be monitored UK-wide via the General Medical Council's National Training Surveys.

Keeping in touch

We will keep you updated on the latest issues and important information that may affect your training via our website: www.jrcptb.org.uk, our quarterly newsletter *Training Matters* and our Twitter feed: [@JRCPTB](https://twitter.com/JRCPTB).