



Vacancy: Member of the Medical Oncology Specialty Certificate Standard Setting Group

The Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK and the Association of Cancer Physicians are seeking to appoint a member of the Medical Oncology SCE Standard Setting Group.

The successful applicant will attend meetings of the Standard Setting Group and will advise on the pass mark to be applied to the Examination paper. Members will be responsible for evaluating the level of difficulty of each question in an examination paper in order to set a pass mark; ensuring that the quality of individual questions is high and that the Examination questions are of an appropriate standard; and keeping abreast of developments in the world of medical education and medical practice ensuring that the examination papers are relevant to the curriculum.

A full list of the post's responsibilities is set out in: *The Responsibilities and Duties of Members of the Part 1, Part 2 and Speciality Certificate Examining Boards*. In addition a copy of the remit and responsibilities of the examining board can be found on the [MRCP\(UK\) website](#).

Applicants should meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply:

- hold the MRCP(UK) or an equivalent postgraduate diploma
- be practising as a specialist in Medical Oncology, and a member or fellow of one of the three Colleges
- be registered with a licence to practise and in good standing on the GMC specialist register
- be actively engaged in the training of junior doctors in the UK (or within the last two years)
- be up-to-date as appropriate with relevant national guidelines, CPD requirements, employer's equality and diversity training and appraisal process

In addition it is a requirement for members of the Medical Oncology SCE Standard Setting Group that they fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

- Be a member of the Question Writing Group or the appropriate Examining Board
- Have considerable knowledge of the examination
- Have experience of standard setting and question writing in an academic environment
- Have an understanding of the principles behind criterion referencing and the Hofstee method, statistical methods used and interpretation of analyses performed on individual items

This is a non-salaried position though all reasonable expenses and travel costs will be met by MRCP(UK) Central Office in line with the Federation expenses policy.

The tenure of the appointment is five years. Attendance at meetings is monitored and members may be asked to step down if they fail to attend regularly.

Applications for the post, including a CV and a one-page covering letter outlining your suitability for the post should be submitted to the Policy Officer (policy.officer@mrcpuk.org) by **Friday 28 October**.

For more information or to ask any questions about the role please send any queries to the Policy Officer. Exam Board Chair Graham Dark and Standard Setting Group Chair Joyce Thompson are happy to answer to questions about the role and where appropriate the Policy Officer will pass these on.

All applications will be considered by a panel consisting of the Chair and representatives of the Examining Board

The next Medical Oncology Standard Setting Group meeting is expected to take place in **15 & 16 May 2017** at the Royal College of Physicians of London and the successful applicants will be required to attend.