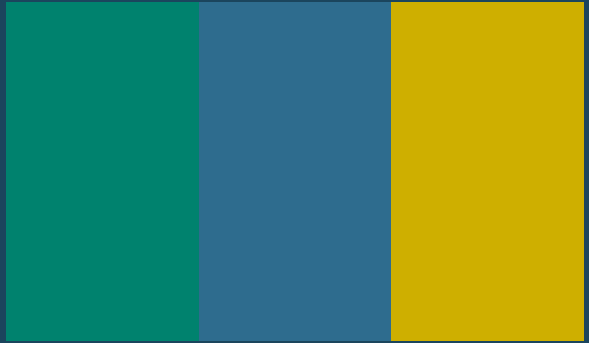


# Collegiate Membership



Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh  
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow  
Royal College of Physicians of London

## MRCP(UK) – What next?

Now that you have been successful in passing the MRCP(UK) exam we are sure that you feel entitled to a brief respite. However, having enjoyed your well-deserved rest, you will realise that you have taken just one, albeit large and significant, more step towards a senior career which you hope will be long and rewarding.

So, what comes next? We hope that you will strengthen your links with the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK by becoming a Collegiate Member of one (or more!) of the three Colleges. Increasingly, we collaborate through an effective and constructive Federation which respects the different traditions within the individual Colleges. We are deeply involved in the continuing education that will be part of your life while you continue your training and, in due course, occupy a permanent senior post. As a Collegiate Member you can involve yourself in your College's work, and have a voice in influencing decisions affecting the medical profession.

The Colleges conduct varied educational programmes: formal lectures by internationally-renowned speakers, symposia, seminars, consensus groups, and more informal teach-ins organised by Collegiate Members for their mutual benefit. These take place in the Colleges, around the country and, increasingly, will be delivered electronically to a world-wide audience. It is important to realise that you will not simply be a client; you will be a participant. There is ample scope in all the Colleges for enthusiastic Collegiate Members to become deeply involved in the education programmes.

If you are aiming at consultant status in a medical specialty, you will shortly enter Higher Medical Training (HMT). In the UK this is supervised on behalf of all three Colleges by a joint committee (JCHMT). The JCHMT sets the training curricula in HMT, and coordinates the assessment of training programmes, and the progress of higher trainees. You may designate any of the three Colleges as your College of Choice and your College subscription will help cover the costs of the JCHMT. No further charges will be payable to JCHMT for your HMT. You may also wish to maintain a close link with other Colleges and a second or third membership is available at a reduced fee.

When you successfully complete training, the JCHMT will recommend you for a Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training, gaining you entry to the General Medical Council's Specialist Register. You must be on the Specialist Register to practise as a consultant in the UK.

Continuing professional development (CPD) and life-long learning are the keys to maintaining standards and career development. Revalidation is now a part of life for every doctor in the UK. In addition to providing education, the Royal Colleges coordinate the validation and registration of CPD. When you complete your HMT, you will register for this, and your CPD will be recorded, once again as part of your Collegiate Membership.

The rights and privileges of Collegiate Members vary a little between the Colleges. However, all have Collegiate Members Committees and elect or appoint individual Collegiate Members to other College committees. They also appoint representatives to external bodies, such as the JCHMT. Collegiate Membership gives access to facilities such as libraries, websites and common rooms. It also brings regular mailings of College publications which include reports, journals & newsletters. There are social aspects to College life and Collegiate Members are encouraged to join in when they can.

Now that you have earned the MRCP(UK), the Royal Colleges of Physicians want you to belong, and invite you to contribute your energy and enthusiasm to their work.



## Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

“Promoting the highest standards in internal medicine around the world”

Professor Neil Douglas  
President

Congratulations on passing membership - a great achievement and a stepping stone to a new phase in your career. You can now both progress your training and join a College as a Collegiate Member. As President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh I hope you will consider joining us to participate in our educational programmes and in shaping the future of medicine.

Joining the Edinburgh College will give you immediate access to our on-line medical education, our daily-updated e-Bulletin and to your own copies of the CD-ROMs of our symposia. You would have special rates for attendance at our symposia and work-shops, many of which are tele-linked to centres in the UK. You would also have free access to our excellent library with one of the world's best historical medical collections and a team of interested librarians who would be delighted to find that elusive reference for your paper or thesis. Collegiate members may also stay in the College bedrooms in the heart of the beautiful city of Edinburgh.

The College was founded in the 17th Century but is firmly focussed on improving medical training for you and healthcare for the future. We hope you will enjoy participating in the College and creating that future. Collegiate Members have a major say in developing College policies, provide many new ideas and sit and vote on all our committees including Council. The College's membership of key UK and international organisations, our network of senior medical overseas advisors and direct contact with Ministers in the UK and overseas ensure that our views are heard and respected by those responsible for delivering medical services.

For more information please visit [www.rcpe.ac.uk](http://www.rcpe.ac.uk) or email [n.j.douglas@rcpe.ac.uk](mailto:n.j.douglas@rcpe.ac.uk). I look forward to welcoming you as a new Collegiate Member and wish you luck and enjoyment in your career.



## Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

“Advancing the highest standards of medical and surgical care”

Professor Graham A Teasdale  
President

Congratulations! Your recent success in the MRCP(UK) marks a major milestone that you will recall with pride throughout your life. I now invite you to take up Collegiate membership in this College, to share in a heritage that dates from 1599, and take full advantage of present opportunities to develop your future career.

Collegiate members' benefits include preferential access to an extensive continuing education programme, with a wide range of symposia, courses and workshops. These are allied to first class library and information services with the Cyber Medical College proving an on-line portal to tools tailored to your own learning needs. An extensive programme of travelling fellowships supports visits to clinics, courses and meetings in many countries.

The dramatic changes now under way in medical education and practice, and in the arrangements for delivering healthcare, will impact importantly on your professional life. In exerting its influence on these developments, the College wishes your views to be fully incorporated and for its support to be readily available to you. Collegiate members, therefore, have votes in all elections and can also contribute through the Trainees Committee and through having trainee representatives on all other committees, including two as full members of Council.

As someone who trained as a physician in England and then became a surgeon in Scotland, I look forward to welcoming you to this combined College, to promoting your interests, to your contributions to our future, and to your eventual election to the Fellowship. Glasgow is a friendly, exciting city and our College a warm and embracing organisation.



Professor Carol Black  
President

## Royal College of Physicians of London

“Promoting the highest standards of medical practice in order to improve health and healthcare.”

Recently you set out to demonstrate to your mentors and colleagues that you have the special qualities that patients expect in their doctors and are required of physicians. Congratulations on your considerable achievement. It is my privilege now to invite you to enter Collegiate Membership of this College.

This will give you ready access to the facilities and opportunities for learning throughout your career. It will give lifelong professional support but the College will also expect things of you. In time you will be asked to take up a share of the duties and responsibilities that stewardship of this College entails. Its continuing strength, authority and influence depend on the commitment you can give to maintaining values we stand for. The future leaders of medicine will be drawn from among you.

There have been many momentous changes in the 480 years history of the College, but none more so than recent changes in the provision of health care, the relationship between public and profession, and the new forms of accountability required of doctors. These events bring new responsibilities to every member of this College if it is to fulfil its duty in improving health and healthcare.

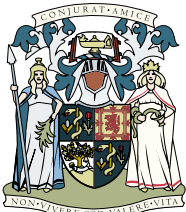
The College is actively involved in postgraduate medical education, continuing professional development and clinical governance. The public, Parliament and Government, and every Trust should be confident in looking to us for authoritative, responsible advice.

Such work draws upon the knowledge, skills and experiences of the whole Collegiate Membership and Fellowship. It depends on the contribution you can make.

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