

Clinical MD in General Internal Medicine

Course outline

Detailed theory teaching and clinical training is given in all sub-specialities of General Internal Medicine with emphasis on clinically relevant, state-of-the-art and topical issues. The following medical sub-specialities will be comprehensively covered in a structured way over 2 years for the programmes:

- Cardiology
- Respiratory Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- Infectious Diseases
- Emergency Medicine
- Diabetes and Endocrinology
- Critical Care including ITU
- Nephrology
- Radiology
- Neurology
- Dermatology
- Haematology & Oncology
- Rheumatology

- Ethics and Law in Medicine
- Audit and Dissertation

The entire curriculum will be taught over 8 terms (for the 2-year MD), with one module per term and 4 terms each year. Students taking the combined Research cum Clinical MD programme will take the MSc in Medical Research in the Clore Laboratory in their first year and then follow the 2-year MD programme.

Programme structure

The total unit value of the Clinical MD curriculum is 360 units. Teaching is delivered over eight courses, each of 45 units:

- Gastroenterology
- Respiratory Medicine
- Cardiology
- Infectious Diseases
- Emergency Medicine
- Diabetes and Endocrinology
- Critical Care
- General Internal Medicine

One unit is equivalent to 10 hours of study, and a typical course may be broken down as follows:

Total student engagement time: 450 hours

Theory lectures: 65 hours

Tutorials: 200 hours

Problem based learning: 135 hours

Private study: 50 hours

For the General Internal Medicine course, the breakdown is as follows:

Total student engagement time: 450 hours

Theory lectures and tutorials: 100 hours

Clinical audit: 50 hours

Dissertation: 200 hours

Private study: 100 hours

Clinical placement

Students will be expected to spend eight 10-week [placements at other UK NHS Trusts](#). This will provide exposure to a broader clinical experience.

Speciality conferences

During the course of all MD programmes, the teaching plans of individual specialities include attendance at a number of internationally recognised speciality medical conferences within the UK. This affords the MD fellows the opportunity to hear lectures and debates and attend workshops involving internationally renowned speakers on matters of contemporary interest, and to experience the controversies of cutting-edge research in the medical specialities concerned.

Grand Rounds (Ealing Hospital)

At lunch-time each Thursday a Grand Round presentation takes place at Ealing Hospital Postgraduate Centre, in the tradition of all prestigious British postgraduate medical teaching establishments. Consultant staff from medical specialities lead presentations of interesting and unusual clinical cases, followed by a lively session of questions and debate on medical issues raised. Some of the sessions are provided by invited medical speakers of international reputation. Recent advances in medical practice and a wide range of controversial and topical medical issues are discussed with the benefit of authoritative input from senior medical colleagues. This extremely valuable educational resource is part of the routine weekly schedule for all MD fellows.

Entry requirements

Applicants to the Clinical MD in General Internal Medicine should have:

- An MBBS or equivalent degree
- Successfully completed one year of internship at a hospital and must supply their Certificate of Completion.
- An IELTS score of 6.5, with a minimum of 6.5 in each section* and a reference letter confirming that all previous training in medicine has been in English.
- Graduated from an [internationally recognised medical school](#).
- Completed their undergraduate training and be fully registered with the Medical Council in their respective countries.
- Two character reference letters from any member of their medical school academic staff, OR from their current senior medical colleagues and consultants.

*If you wish to be considered for GMC sponsorship, you must have achieved an IELTS score of 7.5 overall and at least a 7.0 in each category.

Pathways for entry

There are three available streams for students coming onto the course.

Pathway 1: GMC registration by sponsorship scheme (recommended; see below)

Pathway 2: GMC registration via PLAB

Pathway 3: No GMC registration (taking this option means the course will be an observership only)

You must confirm to us during the interview which pathway you wish to take. If you are interested in Pathway 2 then it is important that you make arrangements to book your PLAB examinations before the commencement of the course.

Assessment methods

- Examinations, in the form of Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs), are held at the end of each 10 week term and involve the participation of an external examiner.
- Candidates must achieve a score of at least 50% in all 8 courses to be eligible for the award of Clinical MD.
- The General Internal Medicine module is assessed by written exam (30%), clinical audit (10%) and dissertation on a clinical topic (60%).

Practical procedures

All candidates can take histories from patients and perform clinical examinations irrespective of GMC registration.

All candidates, with or without GMC registration, are taught hands-on clinical procedures on models and mannequins in a fully equipped skills laboratory in the hospital. This may include, for example, hands on training in inserting vascular lines (central and arterial), lumbar punctures, pleural tap and biopsy etc. It may also be possible for candidates to gain practical experience in endoscopic procedures in the skills laboratory, especially GI endoscopy and fibreoptic bronchoscopy.

However, those candidates who pass the PLAB test and obtain registration with the General Medical Council, or who have obtained full GMC registration by sponsorship, are allowed to perform practical procedures on patients under supervision. Candidates without GMC registration can only observe such practical procedures on patients without actually performing them or assisting in their performance.

Tuition fees

Payment of a minimum of the first six months fees (£14,400) is required within **four weeks** of the date shown on the offer letter to secure a place on the programme (of which £5,500 is non-refundable if the applicant withdraws for any reason other than a genuine visa refusal). The remainder of the first year fees would be required by the start date of the course.

Candidates MUST NOT pay any agent or representative of the university or any person claiming to be such an agent or representative of the university, any monies whatsoever, in any currency, as these costs are borne by the university directly.

Tuition Fees - Full-time (*TBC)

Year	Home	International
2017	£27,800	£27,800
2018	£27,800	£27,800
Total:	£55,600	£55,600