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Critical issues facing geriatric medicine in Ireland

There are currently 540,000 people aged 65+ in Ireland which accounts for 12% of the total population. This is set to rise to 1.4m, or 22% of the total population, by 2041. While the projected changes in the population aged 65-and-over are striking, changes for the group aged 80 and over are even more dramatic. Over the same 30 year period, the number of people aged 80 and over in Ireland is projected to rise from 130,600 to 458,000 – an increase of 250%. Ageing on this scale is unprecedented in Irish history.

Therefore Ireland's ageing population requires a concerted effort by all healthcare professionals so that the future of old age in Ireland is one that promises everyone a healthier, more secure and fulfilled later life.

Gain expert knowledge and skills in geriatric medicine

The aim of this Diploma is to provide participants with expert knowledge and skills in medicine for the older person and the ability to effectively diagnose, treat and manage a wide range of conditions and clinical presentations associated with this population.

This Diploma brings together experts in geriatric medicine to discuss the critical issues facing geriatric medicine in Ireland, including the growing number of Irish citizens aged over 75. The expanding role of the multidisciplinary team, the importance of expert communication and teamwork between clinicians across clinical sites and settings is emphasised throughout this programme.

This Diploma has been designed for doctors who care for the older patient. It will be of interest to a wide range of disciplines who care for older persons such as Doctors, General Practitioners, Community Health Doctors, Trainees and doctors considering a career in Geriatrics.

What will you learn?

On completion of the diploma, you will be able to:

- Explain the management of chronic diseases in the older person
- Communicate effectively with the older patient and their families
- Identify risks and consequences of falls and syncope
- Understand the diagnosis and management pathways of stroke and other neurological disorders
- Explain the common psychiatric and behavioural issues that present in older age, including dementia and delirium
- Recognise red flags in the patient's examination or history that could indicate abuse and how to deal with this
- Be familiar with end of life care, palliative medicine and the legal aspects of geriatric medicine

How will this Diploma be taught?

The Diploma in Medicine for the Older Person is a modular-based blended programme delivered using best-practice principles and guidelines in teaching and learning including online and classroom-based teaching. Teaching is delivered by internationally recognised experts incorporating interactive classroom sessions, case-based discussions and online courses.

On successful completion of the full programme you will be awarded a Diploma in Medicine for the Older Person.



Modules include:

- Demographics of Ageing in Ireland and Introduction to Quality Improvement
- Falls, Syncope and Bone Health
- Community Care and Legal issues
- Brain Health in the Older Person
- Multi-Morbidity and Frailty in the Older Person
- Psychiatry in the Older Person
- Palliative Care, Advance Care and Reablement
- Exam (clinical and written)

How will this Diploma be assessed?

Formative and summative assessments are included in the programme. You are required to successfully complete all online course materials, attend all classroom-based modules and pass the module assessments in order to be awarded the Diploma in Medicine for the Older Person. You will be required to pass a written and clinical exam.

Who is this Diploma suitable for?

This Diploma has been designed for healthcare professionals working in Ireland who are seeking to develop expertise in medical care for the older person. It will be of interest to a wide range of disciplines who care for older persons such as Doctors considering a career in Geriatrics, General Practitioners, Community Health Doctors and Trainees.

How do I apply?

To apply, visit www.rcpi.ie and complete the online application.

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