MERCK FOUNDATION CAPACITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

Postgraduate Diploma in Dermatology in Clinical Practice

Dermatology is becoming more and more important among medical professionals. This is especially true in primary care, where skin disease is the most common ailment. The aim of the course is to provide students with a critical understanding and knowledge of Dermatology in Clinical Practice, they will be able to apply their expertise in the clinic and in future research.

The aim of the course is:

- To enable students to formulate professional decisions in a variety of diverse and dynamic contexts, integrating an evidence-based justification.
- To enable students to have a comprehensive understanding of dermatology in clinical practice and will be trained to work in and lead the implementation and development of related treatment.

Postgraduate Diploma in Dermatology in Clinical Practice University from UK	
Duration	1 - year online learning platform



Eligibility:

- Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery (Primary Medical Qualification) (e.g.: MBBS or MBChB)
- Candidates working within a public sector clinical setting (Preferably) with the aim to continue working in the public sector after graduation, in order to improve patient access to quality and equitable healthcare solutions
- Recommendation from the Ministry of Health or Office of The First Lady (For Asian Countries- Recommendation letter from The Ministry of Health or Vice Chancellor/Dean/Rector of the Medical University or President of respective Society or Medical Association)
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Accessibility to stable Internet connection

Course Structure

The online course lasts one calendar year and is a part time distance learning course. It consists of 6 modules per year, each of 6 weeks duration.

Module 1 - Dermatology in Clinical Practice Overview

Aims of the module:

- To acquire a detailed understanding of dermatological disorders, referral pathways, imaging, and treatment choices.

Synopsis of the module content

- The language of dermatology
- Therapeutics & Drug eruptions
- Vasculitis & Cutaneous manifestations of systemic disease
- Guidance, tele-dermatology, and the multi-disciplinary team



Module 2 - Lumps, Bumps and Skin Cancer

Aims of the module:

- To be able to describe, diagnose and interpret the management of skin lesions in the context of guidance.

Synopsis of the module content

- **Skin lumps and bumps & benign skin lesions**
- **Non-melanoma skin cancer**
- **Melanocytic Naevi & Melonoma**
- **Surgical Approach to Skin Disease**

- At the end of the module students will be able to differentially diagnose a wide variety of skin lesions & differentiate between benign and malignant lesions and an understanding of the appropriate referral pathway and treatment guidance

Module 3 - Lesions at Specific Sites

Aim of the module:

- To precisely define, classify, and implement an effective management plan for dermatoses in particular body areas

Synopsis of the module content

- Facial rashes
- Nails, Scalp and hair
- Perineal & Flexural dermatoses
- Palmar and plantar dermatoses

- At the end of the module students will be able to understand the predilection for common dermatoses at various sites of the body & develop an ability to solve diagnostic conundrums relating to regional dermatoses.

Module 4 - Inflammatory Dermatoses

Aims of the module:

- To describe, identify and institute an appropriate management strategy for inflammatory dermatoses.

Synopsis of the module content

- Differential diagnosis of inflammatory dermatoses
- Atopic eczema & Contact dermatitis
- Psoriasis, Urticaria & Bullous eruptions

- At the end of the module students will be able to understand the evidence relating to common inflammatory skin conditions & will develop ability to solve diagnostic conundrums relating to inflammatory dermatoses

Module 5 - Skin Infections

Aims of the module:

- To be able to describe, diagnose and interpret the management of skin infections in the context of guidance.

Synopsis of the module content

- Differential diagnosis of skin infections
- Cellulitis and ulceration & Infestation
- Infection related to systemic illness & Photodermatoses

- At the end of the module students will be able to understand the evidence relating to basis for the identification and management of common skin infections/infestations/photodermatoses and will develop ability to a differential diagnosis for skin infections/infestations/photodermatoses.



Module 6 - Dermatology in Specific Populations

Aims of the module:

- To develop an ability to identify common skin disorders in particular subgroups of the population and to understand the specific treatment pathways

Synopsis of the module content

- Infant skin
- Acne and adolescent skin problems & Pigmented skin
- Elderly skin, Anti-aging & Cosmetic treatments

- At the end of the module students will be able to understand the evidence relating to basis for the identification and treatment of common skin disorders in various populations.

Assessment

Assessments are done using clinical scenarios to enhance problem-solving, critical analysis and evidence-based care. Each of the 6 modules has the same assessment format. Due to the online nature of the course, students are expected to login and participate in the course regularly throughout the module.

- **Academic Forum - 40%**
- **Individual learning portfolio - 10%**
- **Group/individual Assignments - 20%**
- **Case based examination - 30%**

English language requirements:

- Proficiency in the English language is essential to completing courses. If English is NOT your first language, proof of competency during the application process is to be submitted.
- An IELTS overall score of 6.0 (with a minimum of 5.5 for each band) or an equivalent, qualification is required as proof of English Language Proficiency.

Applicants should submit copies of the following with their application:

- A copy of your updated CV including your address and date of birth.
- Copy of qualification certificates.
- English language qualification.
- Personal statement.
- Recommendation from the Ministry of Health or Office of The First Lady (For Asian Countries- Recommendation letter from The Ministry of Health or Vice Chancellor/ Dean/Rector of the Medical University or President of respective Society or Medical Association)
- Income proof (one month Salary/Pay slip or Salary Statement or 3 months bank statement)

