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Postgraduate Diploma in Urology

The aim of the course is to produce graduates who have a comprehensive understanding and desire to increase practical awareness of urological conditions and care pathways. Healthcare professionals enrolled in the program would be able to apply knowledge for direct clinical benefit & future study with life-long learning and advanced problem-solving skills.

This program specifically focuses on the following topics:

- Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms
- Prostate and Bladder Cancers
- Urinary Tract Infections
- Renal, Penile and Testicular Cancers
- Renal Stones and Obstruction
- Andrology – Erectile Dysfunction and Peyronie's Disease

Postgraduate Diploma in Urology, 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)
- 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(details provded below)
- 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 – Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms

- This module highlights an advanced understanding and knowledge of lower urinary tract anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology, investigation, diagnosis and management of lower urinary symptoms including conservative, pharmacological, surgical treatment of benign prostatic enlargement (BPE), lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS), management of overactive bladder (OAB) and Nocturnal Polyuria.

Module 2 – Prostate and Bladder Cancers

- This module highlights the multi-disciplinary approach and in depth understanding of the presentation, investigation, diagnosis & staging and management of prostate and bladder cancer.



Module 3 – Urinary Tract Infections

- This module covers the presentation, investigation, diagnosis & the management techniques for recurrent urinary tract infections (UTIs), prostatitis, epididymitis and orchitis.

Module 4 – Renal, Penile and Testicular Cancers

- To precisely define, classify, and implement an effective staging and management plan for renal, penile and testicular cancer.

Module 5 – Renal Stones and Obstruction

- This module develops an ability to identify comprehensive understanding of urinary tract stones and their investigation and management of infections, acute & recurrent stones.

Module 6 – Andrology – Erectile Dysfunction and Peyronie's Disease

- This module provides an in-depth knowledge and understanding of erectile dysfunction, peyronie's disease and male factor infertility.



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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%
- Reflective Journal/ individual learning portfolio - 10%
- Group/individual Assignments - 20%
- Case based examination - 30%

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- Proof of English language proficiency
  - o 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.
  - o 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.
- Accessibility to stable Internet connection

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)