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- MBBS, LFOM RCP (Ireland),
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### POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DERMATOLOGY FOR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS 2025



Information Leaflet

# *The Post Graduate Diploma Course in Dermatology for Primary Care Physicians 2025*

This is a distant learning course. There will be 3 Modular Clinical workshops.

Candidates will be provided with instructive module texts which will teach them to understand dermatology beginning from the fundamentals to the art, real time practice and its concepts.

## **Objectives**

To provide the physicians with a structured educational experience in dermatology with an opportunity to acquire:

The skills necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of common conditions involving the skin and accessory structures.

## **Workshop and Seminars**

1. To provide diagnostic skills to be able to perform biopsy's skin culture, skin scrapping, use mechanical device i.e. woods lamp electro surgery, microdermabrasion.
2. To elaborate on the rationale behind the science and arts of various non-invasive procedures i.e. chemical peels, lasers etc.
3. Another uniqueness of this course is that of sharing practical skills to demonstrate how to blend traditional dermatology with procedures in aesthetic medicine.
4. Throughout the course trainees will be taught to enhance their therapeutic skills in topical and systemic dermatological practice.
5. Emphasis will be given on how to incorporate surgical skills in primary care practice by training workshops in procedures like, electro surgery, punch biopsy, excision of minor skin lesions, administration of intralesional steroids incision and drainage.
6. Additional training in aesthetic medicine will be provided, which will include introduction to intra demotherapy lipolysis, management of melasma, acne therapy and cosmeceuticals.

## **Module 1**

(MCQ) will be provided for open book testing

1. Microanatomy and functions of the skin
2. Principles of diagnosis of the skin
3. Common bacterial, viral mycobacteria, leprosy and fungal infection of the skin
4. Principles of dermatological therapy and common investigative procedures in skin management
5. Introduction to aesthetic medicine
6. Slide quiz assessment

## **Module II**

(MCQ) will be provided for open book testing

1. Contact dermatitis, eczemas, photodermatoses and urticaria
2. Dermatoses of pregnancy, introduction to paediatric and geriatric dermatology
3. Cosmetic dermatology, lasers & light chemical peels
4. Advances in aesthetic medicine anti-aging vs Aesthetic med. and Botulotoxin
5. Slide quiz assessment

## **Module III**

(MOQ) will be provided for open book testing

1. Hair, nails and pigmentary disorders
2. Introduction to dermatological surgery & hands on workshop
3. Rejuvenation of the skin. Neutraceutical. Hormones relevant to skin pathology
4. Genital dermatoses, STD & HV
5. Cutaneous manifestations of autoimmune diseases, systemic disorders
6. Final exam with slide quiz and viva

## **What does the trainee achieve at the end of the programme?**

- A. Towards the end this course the physician will be able to understand **normal anatomy and physiology** of the skin. Have reasonable knowledge of skin pathology. Recognize congenital, acquired and aging factors of the skin.
- B. Hereditary factors of dermatological diseases, Patients' education and awareness.
- C. Compliance, diagnostic guidelines, therapeutic consideration and systemic evaluation.

## **Without Prejudice**

It is needless to say that many of our graduates have proceeded to Singapore and Wales to complete their diploma in primary care or practical dermatology with success. Any of our past candidates can attest to the high quality of this programme. It is with great pride that we can say that most of our former trainees are practicing successfully as primary care physicians with special interest in dermatology and much appreciated by their patients.

## **The Future for Our Graduates**

We are happy to announce that successful candidates of this course will be able to participate in a conjoint programme of Advance Clinical Dermatology in Primary Care at the Institute of Dermatology Bangkok which is run by the MOH of Thailand and have very high standards and can be considered as among the best in Asia. The course in Thailand is for four weeks. On completion of the training the candidates will be required to take an exit examination and those who pass the IOD exam for the "*Advanced Certificate in Primary Care Clinical Dermatology*" will be awarded the certificate for the same. Entry into the IOD Course in Clinical Dermatology will be at the discretion of the Institute of Dermatology, Bangkok in conjunction with the Faculty of Dermatology AFPM. Those who obtain both the Postgraduate Certificate in Primary Care Dermatology and the IOD Advanced certificate will be eligible to receive the Diploma in Primary Care Dermatology from Academy of Family Physicians of Malaysia with collaboration of the Institute of Dermatology, Bangkok. Thus far about 370 candidates have successfully participated in the course.

- **Workshop 1** – 11th-13th April 2025
- **Workshop 2** – July / Aug 2025
- **Workshop 3** - Nov 2025

*\*Dates are subject to changes*

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**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION: 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**