



The College of Psychiatry of Ireland
Coláiste Siciatrachta na hÉireann

Training

The **CPI** will be the body responsible for the training of non consultant psychiatrists in Ireland. It will set training standards, specify a curriculum and methods of assessment of trainees, and accredit trainers, training schemes and the delivery of training. It will organise and administer the National Senior Registrars Scheme. The **CPI** will also advise the Medical Council on all issues concerning the appropriate registration of psychiatrists.

Continuing Professional Development and Competence Assurance

From 1st January 2009, the **College of Psychiatry of Ireland (CPI)** will be the professional body for psychiatrists in Ireland, and will be the sole body recognised by the Medical Council and the HSE for Competence Assurance and Training in Psychiatry.

The **College of Psychiatry of Ireland**, a registered charity, is an amalgamation of three organisations; the Irish College of Psychiatrists (ICPsych), the Irish Psychiatric Association (IPA) and the IPTC (Irish Psychiatric Training Committee). Each of these organisations brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the **College of Psychiatry of Ireland**, which will support, inform and represent psychiatrists at all stages of their careers.

The **College of Psychiatry of Ireland** offers you membership of an Irish institution which will be the voice of Psychiatry in Ireland.

Membership Entitlements

- Specialist educational events
- Medical Council approved CPD registration scheme, supported by a range of CPD accredited meetings and activities
- Eligible to participate in Faculty activities
- Eligible for election to Faculty committees
- Reduced registration fees for Academic Meetings
- Influence and contribute to College activities via committees and working groups
- Influence and contribute to College submissions on government health policy
- Receive, and contribute to, the College Newsletter
- Trainee activities
- Eligible to compete for academic prizes and competitions
- Access to all areas of the College website www.irishpsychiatry.ie
- Attendance and voting rights at Annual General Meetings
- Notification of upcoming events and conferences
- Representation by the CPI on National, European and International committees

- Access to annual events such as the Collegiate Dinner, Spike Milligan Public Speaking Competition, World Mental Health Day, Winter and Spring Academic Meetings

- Links with the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Northern Irish Division

It is a Medical Council requirement that doctors enrol with their training body for CPD. Under the Medical Practitioners Act, the **College of Psychiatry of Ireland** will be the sole body recognised by the Medical Council for CPD for psychiatrists. **CPI** members are entitled to enrol and register their CPD activities annually with the College. At the end of the 5 year cycle, qualifying members will be issued with a Certificate of Good Standing. Members will also be offered support in setting up Peer Review Groups and in complying with the Medical Council's requirements for Competence Assurance.

The College's CPD Committee will work to help college members to maintain professional competence in line with regulatory requirements. The College's participation on Medical Council and Department of Health Competence Assurance Committees means that we will continue to work with and advise regulatory bodies, to develop a meaningful competence assurance framework for Psychiatrists in Ireland.

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Categories of Membership

Member

Every psychiatrist who has the MRCPsych examination and every psychiatrist who is on, or eligible to be on, the Specialist Register of Psychiatrists in Ireland, and practising in Ireland or in such other place as may be approved by the Council, is eligible to apply to the CPI for membership.

Fellow

Fellows are members for at least five years and are elected by the Council as deemed to have added significantly to the activities and objectives of the College and the body of Psychiatry. Those holding the FRCPsych are eligible for this category.

Associate Member

Associate Members shall be psychiatrists ineligible for either of the above categories, and not in training posts, who could benefit from the educational activities of the College. Such persons shall have no voting rights. This category is suitable for those not working in Ireland.

Trainee Category

The trainee category will apply to those trainees who are considered in training in Ireland and who have not passed recognised psychiatry examinations. Such members shall have no voting rights.

Retired Members

This category shall apply to those no longer on the specialist register or maintaining their CPD.

The College of Psychiatry of Ireland will develop a professional body for psychiatrists who are working and training in Ireland and will reflect the needs of the development of the mental health services in Ireland, for the purpose of alleviating the suffering of those with mental illness.



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