



Royal College
of Physicians

Our members and fellows

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) is a membership organisation for physicians – doctors who provide specialist medical care to adults. They diagnose and treat millions of patients with a huge variety of medical conditions, ranging from one-off illnesses to lifelong conditions.

Who are our members?

We have over 33,000 members based across the UK and in more than 80 countries around the world. Our members are committed to being the best doctors that they can be, and to improving standards of patient care.

Our members are our most important resource, and we rely on their expertise to shape our policy, inform our leadership, and help us to change the culture of future medical practice.

RCP members include physicians at different stages of their career, such as medical students, foundation doctors, specialty trainee doctors, consultants and retired physicians.

Physicians belong to one of the 30 medical specialties. These range in size and scope from geriatric medicine (providing holistic care for older patients) through to nuclear medicine (using radioactive materials to aid diagnosis and treatment of disease).

Find out more about how the RCP works with specialties: www.rcplondon.ac.uk/about-rcp/our-aims/our-specialties

The RCP also hosts the Faculty of Physician Associates (FPA). A physician associate is an innovative new type of health professional who works with the clinical team to provide quality healthcare. FPA members benefit from a number of RCP membership services specifically tailored to their needs.

To find out more about the FPA, visit www.fparcp.co.uk

How do we support our members?

Our members are our most important resource, and we rely on their expertise to shape our policy, inform our leadership, and help us to change the culture of future medical practice. In return, RCP members can:

- > access our CPD diary – an online diary used to record continuing professional development
- > benefit from discounts to attend our wide range of conferences and educational courses
- > receive free access to a variety of peer-reviewed journals
- > get involved in healthcare policy
- > inspire, support, network with and learn from other members, locally and nationally.

Recognising the work of our members

In 2016, we introduced the RCP Excellence in Patient Care Awards, which recognise, celebrate and promote the impressive work that our members do to make a significant difference to their patients' lives. Only RCP members can enter or nominate a colleague for these awards.

Find out more about the awards and hear from our previous winners: www.rcplondon.ac.uk/rcp-awards



Join the RCP

Be part of our professional membership body, representing over 33,000 physicians across the UK and internationally. To find out more about membership and its benefits, visit www.rcplondon.ac.uk/join



**Royal College
of Physicians**