



Royal College  
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# Our international work

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) has a truly international network, with 18% of our members based outside the UK in more than 80 countries. Our international work ranges from clinical skills workshops in rural Nigeria, to guideline development in the Middle East.

## Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis

M-PACT is a 3-year collaboration with the West African College of Physicians (WACP), funded by the Ecobank Foundation. The project aims to support the United Nations' Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 6 – combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis by increasing access to high-quality clinical training on managing and treating these diseases.

The RCP and the WACP are working together to develop MDG6 training centres in Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal, and to deliver training courses that reach hundreds of West African physicians.

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**Our vision is to achieve the best possible health and healthcare for everyone.**

## Reducing the burden of cancer and neurological disorders

The Medical Training and Fellowship (METAF) Programme is an ambitious 4-year initiative to build oncology and neurology capacity in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

The RCP is working alongside the East African Development Bank and the British Council to deliver 'Train the trainer' courses in oncology, and clinical skills courses in both oncology and neurology. By the end of 2018, 600 East African physicians will have attended one of the courses.

## Addressing rural–urban disparities in health outcomes

The lack of access to well-trained physicians in the ten countries of the East, Central and Southern African health community remains stark. Many doctors choose to work in large cities, leading to major rural–urban disparities in health outcomes for patients living in these areas.

The RCP is supporting a group of leading African physicians who have established the much-needed East, Central and Southern Africa College of Physicians, which will address these challenges.

## Improving patient care in Oman

The RCP has a long-standing relationship with Oman, including hosting the biannual Advanced General Medicine Conference in partnership with the Sultan Qaboos University and the Oman Medical Specialty Board.

We have also been working with the Oman Ministry of Health on a major guideline development initiative, which involves taking recently published guidelines and adapting them to suit the local culture and context.

## Enabling international doctors to train in the UK

The Medical Training Initiative (MTI) is a mutually beneficial scheme that enables junior doctors from all over the world to work and train in the UK, giving trusts a high-quality and longer-term alternative to using locums to fill rota gaps.

Nearly 300 international medical graduates are currently working in the UK through the RCP's MTI scheme, which is now in its seventh year.

Find out more about our international projects:

[www.rcplondon.ac.uk/international](http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/international)



‘Our mission is to be seen globally as the ‘go to’ organisation capable of setting, measuring and improving standards of healthcare, patient experience and models of healthcare service delivery.’

Dr Ian Bullock, RCP chief executive officer



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