Programme Objectives

The Diploma in Internal Medicine (with focus on Hospital Medicine) is designed specifically for doctors who intend to work within the field of Internal/General Medicine but not as specialists. Trainees will be trained to the level of competency to provide comprehensive middle level Internal/General Medicine care in a local public restructured healthcare institution.

Programme Director

A/Prof Tay Jam Chin
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Application procedures

Candidates are required to fill up the following items:

- Obtain endorsement from their Head of Department and their Human Resource Department.
- Attach the supporting documents (certified as true copies) as indicated in the application form and mail to:
  
  Academy of Medicine, Singapore
  Education & Training Department
  81 Kim Keat Road
  #11-00 & #12-00, NKF Centre
  Singapore 328836

Fee structure

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*Registration fee is a non-refundable one-time payment.

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Admission Criteria
This programme is open to all medically-trained doctors who possess Temporary registration (Service), Conditional registration or Full registration with the Singapore Medical Council (SMC). However, applicants must also satisfy the following criteria for admission into this programme:

• Have at least 1 year of working experience in the field of General Medicine, Internal Medicine or Medicine in a local public restructured hospital and currently employed full-time in the same public restructured hospital in Singapore; and
• Possess a local sponsoring department, unit or institution along with a letter of recommendation from the Head of Department.
• Have a programme supervisor who is a specialist in Internal Medicine and who should work at the same institution where the applicant is applying to undergo training for the programme.

Programme Duration
This is a 2-year structured Diploma programme. The training programme includes a broad exposure to the care of Internal/General Medicine patients and experience in the management of diverse and acute Internal/General Medicine conditions/problems. Trainees will be rotated to General Medicine for 1 year and 6 Internal Medicine specialty rotations for 2 months each during the other 1 year.

Training Structure
Trainees will be guided by specialists in Internal Medicine who will ensure that all topics specified in the syllabus are carried out. Trainees need to list the necessary basic clinical, procedural and professional skills into their logbook and must demonstrate expertise in these areas.

Yearly Commencement date:
May and November

Yearly Application period:
February and August

Syllabus
Trainees will learn about Internal/General Medicine and a selection of the following:

1. Critical Care Medicine
2. Cardiovascular Medicine
3. Vascular Medicine
4. Pulmonary Medicine
5. Infectious Diseases
6. HIV Disease
7. Gastroenterology
8. Haematology-Oncology
9. Renal Disease
10. Endocrinology
11. Rheumatology
12. Neurology
13. Toxicology and Allergy
14. Medical Procedures
15. Healthcare Systems

Assessment Criteria
Continual assessment will be based on the following:
• Bi-Monthly Mini-CEX (Mini Clinical Examination)
• Bi-Monthly patient care competency based evaluation for each rotation
• Training Log Book: Review of case and procedure log, self-studying hours

Trainees also need to obtain valid Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support certificates (issued by a Singapore National Resuscitation Council accredited training centre).

A final examination will be conducted at the end of the programme and will consist of the following component. The passing score should be 50% or more.
• Internal Medicine In-Training Examination