Programme Objectives

The Diploma in Clinical Haematology (Adult) is designed specifically for doctors who intend to work within the field of Clinical Haematology (Adult) but not as specialists. The aim of the programme is to enable the trainee to acquire the following:

- Knowledge and understanding of the practice of Clinical Haematology
- Skills in the diagnostic techniques required in the practice of Clinical Haematology e.g. Bone marrow aspirates and trephines, administration of chemotherapy
- Management of hematologic emergencies e.g. leucostasis syndromes, tumor lysis syndromes, extravasation of vesicant chemotherapeutic agents
- Knowledge of specialist areas within Clinical Haematology such as blood transfusion, bone marrow transplantation, sufficient for general haematology practice
- Acquire communication skills required for practice of Clinical Haematology
- Understand the tools of research in improvements in clinical practice and the need for continuing professional development for the maintenance of standards of practice.

Programme Director

Dr Lim Lay Cheng
Senior Consultant, Haematologist

Fee structure

- *Registration fee: $500 (non-refundable one-time payment)
- *Course fee: $6,600 per year
- *Examination fee: $500 (academic year 1&2)

*Prevailing rate of Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not inclusive in the fees and is collected on top of the above fees. All fees are non-refundable upon commencement of training.

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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:
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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).
• Have at least 1 year of full-time clinical working experience in the department of Haematology in a local public restructured hospital and currently working full-time in the same public restructured institution in Singapore; and
• Possess a local sponsoring institution with centres that are accredited for Adult Haematology Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) training); and
• Have a programme supervisor, who possess Full registration with the SMC and is a specialist in Haematology, who should work at the same institution where the applicant is applying to undergo training for the programme.

Programme Duration
This is a structured training programme which will be carried out under supervision over a 2-year period.

Assessment Criteria
A formal 3 monthly review of the trainee's progress by the supervisor is required. The aim of such a review is to ensure that the trainee is exposed to and is taught all aspects of the specialty available in the department. All trainees are required to undergo an exit assessment conducted by the Chapter of Haematologists at the end of the training programme. A panel of 3 specialists, nominated by the Chapter/Academy, will review the training/education portfolio, log book and conduct the exit assessment.

Yearly Commencement date:
2 May
Yearly Application period:
From 1 - 31 March

Training Curriculum
Trainees will be guided by specialists in Clinical Haematology (Adult) who will ensure that all topics specified in the syllabus are covered. Trainees also need to list the necessary basic clinical, procedural and professional skills into their log-book and must demonstrate expertise in these areas.

Syllabus
Trainees will undergo training in Clinical Haematology (Adult). Topics covered under this programme include :
1. Anaemias
2. Acute leukaemias
3. Chronic leukaemias
4. Paraproteinaemias
5. Lymphoproliferative disorders
6. Congenital coagulation disorders
7. Thrombophilia
8. Anticoagulation management
9. Acquired bleeding disorders
10. Platelet disorders
11. Hemoglobinopathies
12. Bone marrow failure syndromes
13. Myeloproliferative disorders
14. Clinical Transfusion medicine

Examinations
Trainees will be assessed in the following manner:
• Interval Objective Assessment (MCQs and structured questions)
• Exit Examination (MCQs, structured questions and VIVA)