

Continuous Professional Development Support Scheme (CPD - SS)

Prospectus

August - December 2025

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Introduction

The Continuous Professional Development Support Scheme (CPD-SS) is funded by the HSE to facilitate NCHDs who are not on a formal training scheme to continue to maintain and enhance their clinical knowledge and skills and to maintain their professional competence in line with Medical Council requirements.

The CPD-SS has been developed with a view to providing NCHDs who are not enrolled in specialist training with professional educational/training courses and activities to assist the NCHD with fulfilling some of the requirements of their Professional Competence Scheme.

NCHDs can apply for the CPD-SS if they:

- 1) Hold NCHD Contract 2010 and work in the Irish public health service.
- 2) Are registered on the General Division or Supervised Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council.
- 3) Are currently enrolled in a Professional Competence Scheme as required by law.

To access the scheme in 2025/2026, NCHDs should either have registered with a Training Body until 30th September 2025 or there is a second opportunity for NCHDs to register for the scheme from 8th December 2025 until 30th January 2026. NCHDs eligible for CPD- SS should register with the relevant Training Body.

NCHDs will have access to a range of clinical courses/activities provided by all Irish Training Bodies. They will be able to participate in training and educational activities and earn a maximum of 20 external credits or 3 days per annum, whichever is greatest.

Further details are available in the HSE's Guidance Document <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/leadership-education-development/met/ed/pd/>

The courses available to all NCHDs registered on the CPD-SS from August 2025 to December 2025 are listed below by Training Body.

College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland

If you would like more information or to apply for a course with the College of Anaesthesiologists, please email: kmcgrath@coa.ie

| Date | Course title | CPD-SS credits | Venue |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 st August 2025 | EDRA/ISRA | TBC | CAI |
| 4 th October 2025 | Airways Masterclass | TBC | CAI |
| 4 th November 2025 | Local Anaesthesia for Ophthalmic Surgery Course | TBC | CAI |
| 14 th November 2025 | NAPSAC 25 | TBC | CAI |
| 27 th November 2025 | ISOA - external organiser | TBC | CAI |
| 28 th November 2025 | IOAA - external organiser | TBC | CAI |
| TBC | AE Simulation Course- CPD SS | 8 | Date to be confirmed |
| TBC | AREEST Simulation Course - CPD SS | 8 | Date to be confirmed |

College of Psychiatrists of Ireland – Online Courses

If you would like more information or to apply for a course with the College of Psychiatrists, please email: cpdss@irishpsychiatry.ie

| Date | Course title | CPD-SS credits | Venue |
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| 13-14 November 2025 | Winter Conference 2025, joint with RCPsych NI | TBC | Hilton Hotel Belfast |

| e-Modules: | CPD Credits | Venue |
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| Hot Topic 1: Cardiovascular Disease in Serious Mental Illness | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 2: Impact of Psychological Trauma and its Treatment | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 3: The Change Imperative: The youth mental health paradigm as a model for mental health reform in Ireland | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 4: Prison & Court Liaison Services: Interaction with Community Services | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 5: Novel Treatments for Alcohol Dependence | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 6: A Cognitive Model of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 7: Managing Suicide Risk | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 8: Cardiology - The Heart and the Mind | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 9: Cannabis Decriminalisation | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 10: The Early Detection & Treatment of Young People at Ultra-High Risk of Psychosis | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 11: Psychiatric Advance Directives – Are they feasible? | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 12: Cyberbullying: The mental health effects and the implications for prevention and intervention | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 13: Medico-Legal Report Writing: What you need to know | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 14: The Psychoanalytic Understanding of Schizophrenia according to Jacques Lacan - Therapeutic Implications | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 15: Expressed Emotion and Schizophrenia | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |

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| Hot Topic 16: Rehabilitation Services for Acquired Brain Injury and the Interface with Psychiatry | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 17: Review of Neuroleptic Medications | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 18: The psychoanalytic paradigm of mental functioning and its implications for practitioners in the field of mental health today | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 19: Dementia in People with Intellectual Disability | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 20: Psychiatry & Intellectual Disability 'The same...but different | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 21: Neuropsychiatric Consequences of Traumatic Brain Injury | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 22: Psychiatric Occupational Assessment | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 23: Gender Dysphoria- the shifting diagnostic and treatment paradigms | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 24: Psychotic Symptoms and Risk for Psychotic Disorder in Children and Adolescents | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 25: Dementia Workshop – Assessment in Persons with Pre-Existing Mental Illness | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 26: Neuropsychiatry of Parkinson's Disease | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 27: What the Psychiatrist Should Know About Bariatric Medicine | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 28: Suicide Mitigation: compassion and governance | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 29: Ticks and Tails down Wicklow way: A case study | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 30: Lyme in Ireland: diagnostic challenges, treatment challenges, and neuropsychiatric complications | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 31: An update on bipolar disorder | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 32: Diabetes and Mental Disorders: The Cart or the Horse? | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 33: Management of Poorly Controlled Diabetes in Mental Health Setting | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 34: An Update on Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) with a focus on Lithium | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 35: eating disorders in Adults: Recognition, Assessment and Management | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 36: eating disorders in Children and Adolescents: Recognition, Assessment and Management | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 37: GDPR for the Psychiatrist | 1.5 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 38: The Psychiatrist's Experience in Treating Borderline Personality Disorder; Joy and Challenges | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |

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| Hot Topic 39: Gambling Disorder - an update for clinical practice | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 40: Game on! Is gaming a lifestyle or disorder? | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 41: Plagues, Pandemics and Psychiatry in Ireland: Past, Present and Future | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 42: Psychiatry in the Emergency Department | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 43: Prescribing for the Psychiatrist | 2 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 44: Mechanisms of Depression post COVID 19 | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 45: Providing Mental Healthcare to Homeless People in Dublin: Theory and Practice | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 46: "The benefit of Hindsight"- Learning from COVID -19 in an approved Centre and Residential Care | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 47: Caring for Clinicians during Covid | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |
| Hot Topic 48: The language of illness | 1 | CPSYCHI Moodle |

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland – Online Courses

If you would like more information or to apply for a course with the College of Surgeons, please email: cpdss@rcsi.ie

| Date | Course title | CPD credits | Venue |
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| 05/09/2025 | RCSI Emergency Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Certificate Day 1 | 7 | Pillar Centre for Transformative Healthcare |
| 08/09/2025 | Train the Trainer | 6 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 11/09/2025 | Minor operations workshop | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 16/09/2025 | Major Trauma | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 16/09/2025 | Basic Endoscopy | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 17/09/2025 | Basic Level 1 Emergency Ultrasound | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 07/10/2025 | Advanced Upper GI Emergency Management | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 08/10/2025 | Active Bystander Intervention Training | 1 | Zoom |
| 09/10/2025 | Procedural Sedation and Analgesia - CORK | 8 | Cork |
| 10/10/2025 | RCSI Emergency Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Certificate Day 2 | 7 | Pillar Centre for Transformative Healthcare |
| 13/10/2025 | The Coroner Service in Ireland – what hospital doctors need to know (NEW) | 1 | Zoom |
| 14/10/2025 | Basic Endoscopy | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 15/10/2025 | Accredited certificate in Emergency Radiology Day 1 | 6 | Zoom |
| 21/10/2025 | Basic Laparoscopy | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 22/10/2025 | Accredited certificate in Emergency Radiology Day 1 | 6 | Zoom |
| 23/10/2025 | Trauma 360 - Simulation for survival certificate Day 1 (NEW) | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 29/10/2025 | Accredited certificate in Simulation-based Training in Human Factors in Patient Safety Day 1 Communication Skills | 6 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 29/10/2025 | Suturing Skills and Wound Closure | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 30/10/2025 | Financial Wellbeing: Spending, Borrowing and Your Credit Profile | 1 | Zoom |

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| 04/11/2025 | Basic Level 1 Emergency Ultrasound | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 05/11/2025 | Active Bystander Intervention Training | 1 | Zoom |
| 06/11/2025 | Basic Skills in Urology | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 07/11/2025 | Clinical Audit Part A | 6 | Zoom |
| 10/11/2025 | Accredited certificate in Simulation-based Training in Human Factors in Patient Safety Day 2 Multi-Disciplinary Team Training | 6 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 14/11/2025 | Intermediate General Surgery | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 17/11/2025 | CLEAR Communication: A Webinar on Clear and Concise Patient Communication | 1 | Zoom |
| 18/11/2025 | Trauma 360 - Simulation for survival certificate Day 2 - NEW | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 20/11/2025 | How to Conduct Clinical Research | 6 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 21/11/2025 | Clinical Audit Part B | N/A | Zoom |
| 24/11/2025 | Casting Workshop | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 26/11/2025 | Active Bystander Intervention Training | 1 | Zoom |
| 26/11/2025 | Emergency Toxicology | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 28/11/2025 | Interview Skills and CV Development for Doctors | 6 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 29/11/2025 | Paediatric Life Support | 10 | Portiuncula Hospital |
| 05/12/2025 | Basics of Airway Management - NEW | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 05/12/2025 | RCSI Emergency Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Certificate Day 3 | 7 | Pillar Centre for Transformative Healthcare |
| 09/12/2025 | MRCS Part B Preparation Course: Core Clinical Communication Skills for aspiring Surgeons - NEW | 6 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 10/12/2025 | Basic Laparoscopy | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 16/12/2025 | Train the Trainer | 6 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |
| 16/12/2025 | Minor operations workshop | 7.5 | RCSI, Dublin 2 |

Faculty of Radiologists & Radiation Oncologists

If you would like more information or to apply for a course at the Faculty of Radiologists, please email pcs@radiology.ie or phone 01 402 5128

| Date | Course title | CPD credits | Venue |
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| 25 th & 26 th September 2025 | Annual Scientific Meeting | 12 | RCSI Building, 123. St Stephens Green |

Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

RCPI have a wide range of New Courses that will be made available to CPD learners throughout the year, a number of places will also be made available on certain simulation Course to CPD learner that meet certain criteria. Please contact CPDSS@RCPI.ie for more information.

| Date | Course Title | CPD Credits | Venue |
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| Dates available on website | NCHD Ethics Foundation | 7 | Online, zoom |
| Dates available on website | NCHD Ethics for Paediatrics | 5 | Online, zoom |
| Dates available on website | NCHD Leadership in Clinical practice | 13 | Online, zoom |
| Dates available on website | NCHD Mastering Communication | 5 | Online, zoom |
| Dates available on website | NCHD Wellness Matters | 5 | Online, zoom |
| Dates available on website | Health Literacy | 3 | Online, zoom |
| Dates available on website | Leadership in Clinical Practice: Communication Skills | 5 | Online, zoom |
| Dates available on website | Leadership in Clinical Practice: Leadership Skills | 12 | Online, zoom |
| Offered throughout the year | A guide to reflective practice | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Advance care planning | 10 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | aEEG in the NICU setting | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | An introduction to Health Research | 3 | Self- paced, online |

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| Offered throughout the year | Be sound, don't belittle | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Delirium recognition and response | 4 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Effective Teaching skills: Conducting skills training in a clinical setting | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Effective Teaching skills: Giving a lecture | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Effective Teaching skills: Giving feedback | 2 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Effective Teaching skills: Techniques for effective bedside teaching | 2 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Fundamentals of Quality Improvement | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Gateway to communication | 5 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | GDPR in a clinical setting | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Introduction to medicolegal report writing | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Obstetrics & Gynaecology Practical scenario modules: Eclampsia and Pre-eclampsia | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Obstetrics & Gynaecology Practical scenario modules: Fetal Monitoring | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Obstetrics & Gynaecology Practical scenario modules: Major Obstetric Haemorrhage | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Obstetrics & Gynaecology Practical scenario modules: Maternal collapse | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Obstetrics & Gynaecology Practical scenario modules: Perineal suturing | 1 | Self- paced, online |

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| Offered throughout the year | Obstetrics & Gynaecology Practical scenario modules: Sepsis in Pregnancy | | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Obstetrics & Gynaecology Practical scenario modules: | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Paediatric ECG Interpretation | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Paediatric food allergy | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Paediatric Respiratory - SPARC Module | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Paediatric Pocket tutorials - 14 Courses | 1-5 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Performing Audit | 3 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Physicians as Trainers: Case based discussion | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Physicians as Trainers: Clinical Supervision | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Physicians as Trainers: Coaching | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Physicians as Trainers: Directly observed procedural skills | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Physicians as Trainers: Mini clinical examination exercise | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Physicians as Trainers: Objective setting | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Presentation Skills | 1 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Principles of Antibiotic Use for General Internal Medicine | 2 | Self- paced, online |

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| Offered throughout the year | Principles of Antibiotic Use for Obstetrics & Gynaecology | 2 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Principles of Antibiotic Use for Paediatrics | 2 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Safe prescribing for General Internal Medicine | 2 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Safe prescribing for Obstetrics & Gynaecology | 2 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Safe prescribing for Paediatrics | 2 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | Understanding Population cancer screening | 2 | Self- paced, online |
| Offered throughout the year | An introduction to medical consent | 1 | Self- paced, online |

The Irish College of Ophthalmologists

The ICO will deliver their learning programme to support doctors on their CPD-SS via virtual learning meetings and courses along with in-person meetings and courses. The College will publish details and dates on the College's website event page.

For up-to-date information on their learning activities, you can also contact the College directly at info@eyedoctors.ie