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MEMBERSHIP

Join a growing network of UK and international child health professionals by becoming a member of the RCPCH.

Uniting child health professionals across the globe, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health plays a major role in postgraduate medical education, professional standards, research and policy.

Our mission is to transform child health through knowledge, innovation and expertise.

Our vision is a healthier future for infants, children and young people across the world.

What we do

Training, exams and professional development – We are responsible for the postgraduate training of paediatricians in the UK, providing career support and running the membership (MRCPC) and Diploma of Child Health (DCH) examinations.

Improving child health – We aim to improve outcomes through research, standards, quality improvement and policy, in the UK and globally. We ensure the voice of children, young people and families help to influence our programmes.

Member services – We support our members with a package of unique benefits. These include access to multidisciplinary educational programmes, including face-to-face courses and e-learning resources.

News and campaigns – We engage with the media, government, NHS, charities and other stakeholders, working across the UK – Scotland, Wales, Ireland and England.

Membership of the RCPCH

As a member, you can contribute to promoting better outcomes for children through your combined experience, knowledge and influence and will be supported throughout your career no matter what your profession, experience or career level. If you have a professional interest in child health, we have a range of membership options to suit you.

Why become a member?

By becoming a member of the RCPCH, you will have full access to a range of benefits that will help support your professional development and practice.

- **Key resources** – access to essential tools in child welfare such as the Child Protection Companion, Paediatric Care Online, the Compass online learning tool, the latest publications and regular updates.
- **Career enhancement** – use of MRCPCH or FRCPCH designations for Ordinary Members and Fellows, careers advice, revalidation process guidance and continuing professional development tools.
- **Discounted products and services** – preferential rates for quality-reviewed educational programmes, the RCPCH Conference and other events, plus, discounted access to a wide range of publications.
- **Support and networking opportunities** – be part of an international members' network of child health professionals, with opportunities to be involved in RCPCH communities and project boards. You will also receive key interest stories direct to your member dashboard.
- **Make a difference** – opportunities to lead and input into many of our activities, such as consulting on health policy, joining the press panel as a spokesperson, getting involved in campaigns and contributing to health services in low-income countries.

Find out more about member benefits at:
www.rcpch.ac.uk/find-your-membership

Find your membership type

Ordinary Membership

Ordinary Members can use the MRCPCH designation after their name. There are two routes to this type of membership: you can apply via examination if you are a paediatrician and have passed the MRCPCH Clinical, or MRCP(UK) part II examination in paediatrics. If you are an Associate Specialist or a Senior Clinical Medical Officer and a UK resident you can apply via election.

Fellowship

Fellows can use the FRCPCH designation after their name. There are two routes to Fellowship: to apply via registration you must be registered on the General Medical Council (GMC) or Irish Medical Council (IMC) Specialist Registers for Paediatrics and working in a substantive (eg permanent) non-training post. Alternatively, those in non-training permanent posts not on specialist register in paediatrics can apply for Fellowship via election.

Junior Membership

If you are a paediatric trainee in a GMC-approved run-through training post, and preparing for the MRCPCH examinations, you are required to apply for Junior Membership and register for training.

If you are a paediatric trainee in a FTSTA (fixed term specialty training appointment) or a LAT (locum appointed for training) post, you are encouraged to apply for membership and register for training. Our assessment tools are useful to record your progression, especially if you are considering applying to specialty training in the future.

Associate Membership

Apply for this membership type if you are a medical practitioner, with at least 50% of your work related to child health.

Associate Membership may be of particular interest to Associate Specialist and Specialty Doctors and General Practitioners who work mainly with children, especially if applying for the Diploma of Child Health.

Medical Student Affiliate Membership

If you are a medical student in the UK with an interest in paediatrics, you can become an RCPCH Medical Student Affiliate for free.

Foundation Doctors Affiliate Membership

This Affiliate Membership is specifically for Foundation Doctors (an FY1 or FY2 Doctor) enrolled on a UK Foundation programme.

Affiliate Membership (non-Doctors)

Anybody with an interest in child health who is not a medical doctor can apply for Affiliate Membership.

It may be of particular interest to social workers, teachers, nurses and other allied healthcare professionals, as well as those working or volunteering in child health organisations.

Still not sure which membership category you can apply for?

Visit: www.rcpch.ac.uk/find-your-membership

**Now you've found your membership category,
take a look at all the benefits you can enjoy.**



Membership Benefit	FELLOW	ORDINARY	ASSOCIATE	AFFILIATE	JUNIOR	STUDENT	FOUNDATION	HONORARY	SENIOR
Subscription to Archives of Disease in Childhood journal	✓	✓	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paediatric Care Online	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Online Child Protection Companion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
College quarterly newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Regular email news bulletins	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Continuing professional development tools and advice	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
Certificate	✓	✓							
Voting rights	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
Regional support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Listing on online members' directory	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunities to apply for senior officer College posts	✓	✓	✓						
Opportunities to sit on College Committees to make an impact and learn new skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
RCPCH account with personalised dashboard	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reduced fees for the College's Annual Conference & other courses/events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Representation on council	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Research Funding Database and project support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use of FRCPCH designation and special lapel pin	✓								
Use of MRCPCH designation		✓							

* not part of membership package for this membership but discount available.

**“Being an RCPCH member
resembles a planet roaming
in an orbit of events and up
to date information”**

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Find out all that RCPCH membership has to offer at:
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