

# St Mary's

## St Mary's GP Training Programme

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**Half Day Release:** Wednesday

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## Description of scheme

This long-established training scheme offers a combination of London general practice and teaching hospital posts with a GP-orientated education programme. The programme offers strong RCGP examination preparation with high pass rates and trainee feedback is excellent.

St Mary's Hospital serves a multi-ethnic population. The hospital has a long tradition of clinical teaching and is active in the integration of primary and secondary care. Additionally, it contributes to GP plus speciality posts. Some posts may be hosted by other Imperial Healthcare Trust sites and Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

The training programme is comprised of 12 months training in secondary care posts combined with 24 months of training in primary care / primary care plus posts. The final 12 months of training is spent in General Practice with intensive training with a trainer in an approved training practice.

The training programme offers a range of rotations constructed from posts in GP training practices, hospital posts and GP plus posts which may include for example, medical education, community paediatrics, dermatology, palliative care or community respiratory medicine. GP plus posts may change and details of current programmes are outlined in the Scheme Booklet.

All programmes are approved for training towards a CCT in GP and attainment of the MRCGP qualification. The groupings of the post are not exchangeable, as they have been approved as a set for their educational cohesiveness and breadth of experience.

## Educational Activities

The course has a commitment to learner-centred education supplemented by appropriate tutorial support. The hospital posts have protected teaching, as does the training in practices. Important elements of the course are:

**Two-day residential:** this mandatory annual event provides an opportunity for greater in-depth group learning and is an invaluable part of the course.

**Half-day release on Wednesday afternoons:** This is central to the scheme, and attendance is throughout the three years. Time is made available to attend from both the hospital and GP posts. The emphasis is on work based problem solving and small group working; with sharing of clinical and personal experience. An outside facilitator is regularly invited to the weekly session and the content of the course is planned with the trainees to ensure learning needs are met. Planning of the HDR, ensures extensive GP curriculum coverage. Social events also help us to build a sense of camaraderie.

**Inclusive MRCGP Preparation:** Preparation for the MRCGP is a particular strength of the scheme

**Tutorials with GP Trainers or Consultants.**

**Assessment:** Work placed based assessment organised via the RCGP e-portfolio

**Registrar Swaps:** There is opportunity for GP trainees to exchange jobs for one week to one month within the scheme to gain experience of other training practices.

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