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# The Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom

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Assessment  
Training  
Development

# The Federation of UK Royal Colleges of Physicians

Three Colleges working together



Each College is several hundred years old

Each College has Fellows and Members around the UK

Two Colleges are already EFIM members



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Three Colleges - three collaborations



MRCPUK - Examinations (1970)

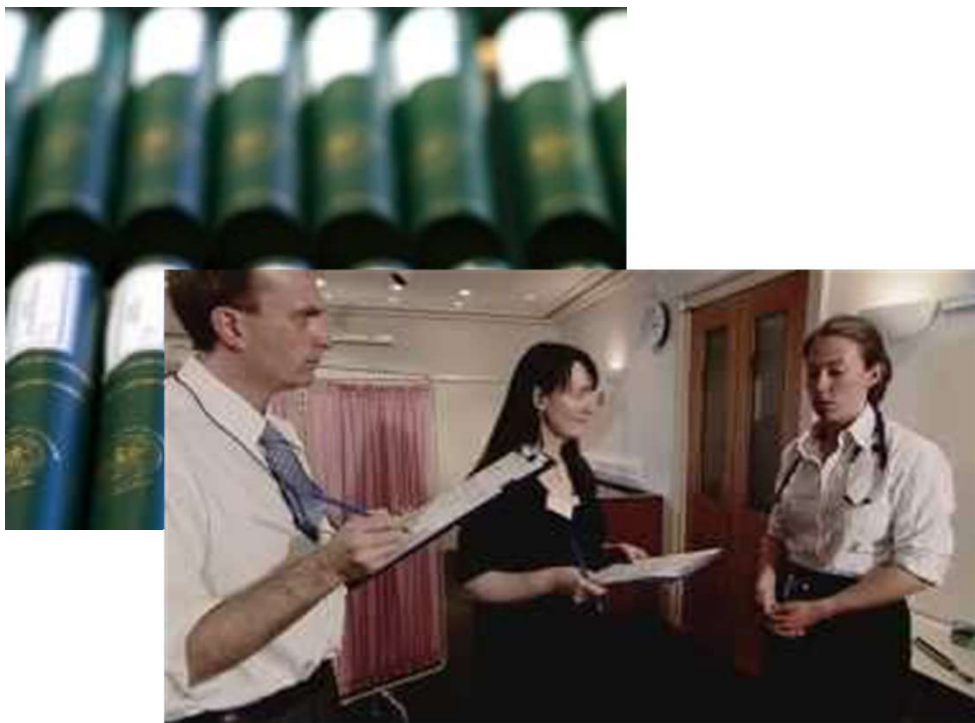
JRCPTB - Training (2007)

CPD – Lifelong Learning (1995)



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# The MRCP(UK) Diploma Examination



- **Largest postgraduate examination in internal medicine in the world**
  - Part 1 - knowledge based assessment
  - Part 2 - knowledge based assessment
  - Includes, unlike USA equivalents, an assessment of bedside clinical skills, PACES.
- **Mandatory in UK training, but sat in many other countries.**
- **Over 25000 candidates per annum globally in over 25 countries.**

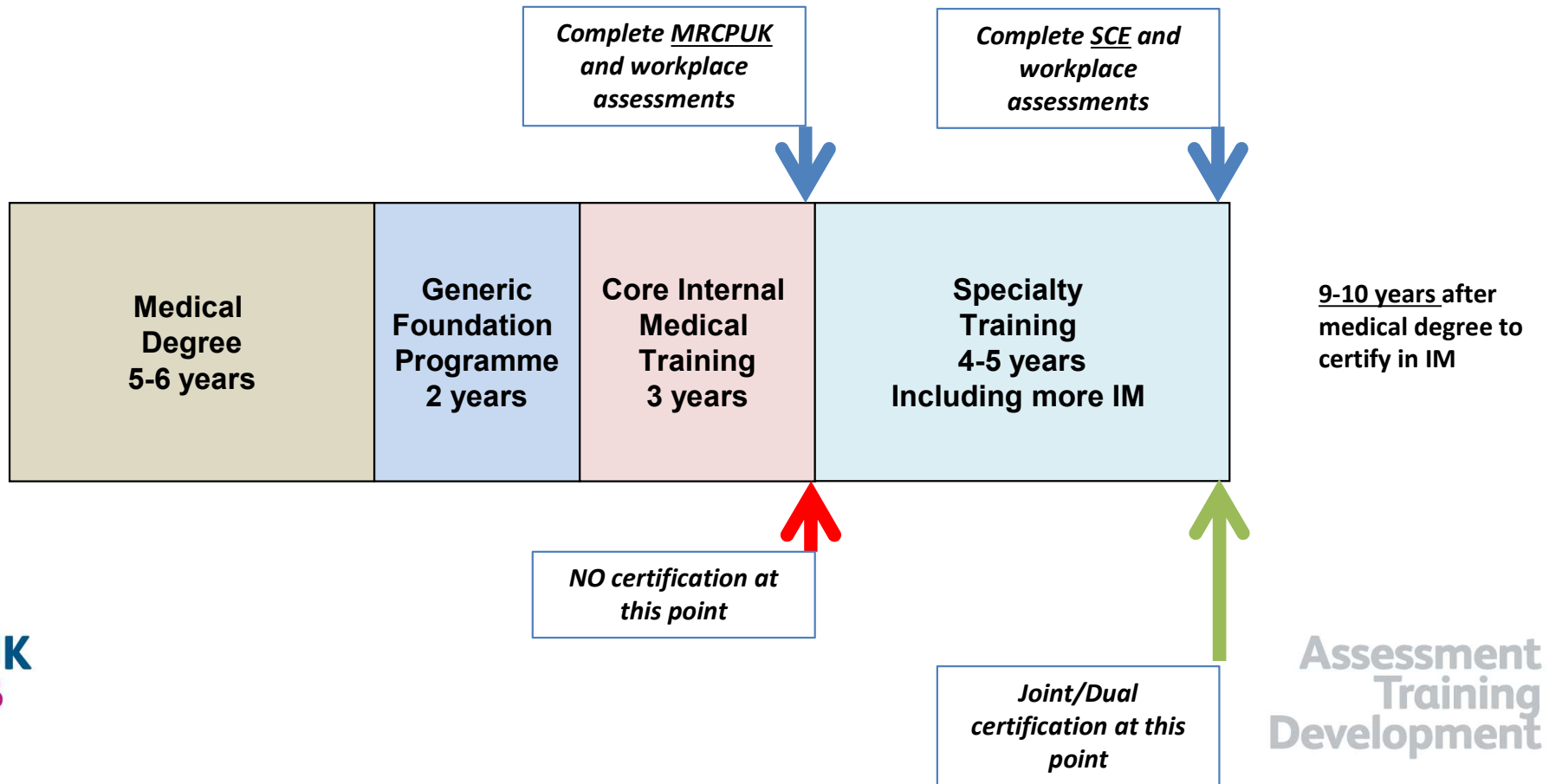
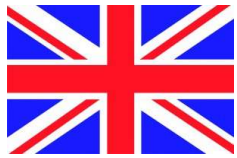
# MRCP(UK) Specialist Level Examinations

## **MRCP(UK) Specialty Certificate exams (specialty training)**

- a. Nine different Specialty Certificate Exams (SCEs)
- b. Two pan-European specialty exams (UEMS collaboration)
  - a. ESEGH (European Specialty Exam in Gastroenterology and Hepatology)
  - b. ESENeph (European Specialty Exam in Nephrology).
- c. All mandatory in UK training, and also used around the world



# Making Physicians : UK



# MRCPUK Examinations - Global Reach

Bahrain

**Bangladesh**

Barbados

Brunei

**Egypt**

Ghana

**Hong Kong**

**India**

Iraq

**Jamaica**

**Jordan**

**Kuwait**

Libya



**Malaysia**

**Malta**

**Myanmar**

**Nepal**

**Oman**

**Pakistan**

**Qatar**

**Saudi Arabia**

**Singapore**

**Sri Lanka**

**Sudan**

Trinidad

**UAE**

**UK**

Blue =  
writtens

Red=  
writtens  
and  
clinical



# MRCPUK by numbers



**c.25,000**  
candidates per  
year



**14**  
examinations



**50+**  
countries



**All 13 written exams**  
moved to online  
delivery in 2023



**50**  
board &  
committee  
meetings per year



**325**  
board members



**50,000**  
questions &  
scenarios



**2,500**  
clinicians from the 3  
colleges supporting  
exams

# Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB)

- Setting and reviewing curricula for 30+ specialties
- Supporting doctors through training to certification
- Working with the GMC and UK deaneries to drive quality improvement in training
- International advisory work, including training delivery



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# Continuing professional development (CPD)

- Provide online diary scheme and supporting app to facilitate recording and reflection of activities
- Used by physicians, inc. consultants, staff & associate specialists, trainees and physician associates
- Providing educational activity approval process: c.4,500 activities per year

# The Federation of UK Royal Colleges of Physicians



**We bring expertise in training, assessment and lifelong learning**

**We seek collaboration in internal medicine across the continent in our post-Brexit world**



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