

Call for Application of Training in the Subspecialty of Paediatric Neurology

兒童腦神經科

from The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

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Subspecialty Description

Paediatric neurology (PN) is the medical discipline devoted to normal and abnormal development of the central nervous system and peripheral neuromuscular systems. It encompasses the different stages of development from fetal life to adolescents and the transition into adulthood. It involves the diagnosis, assessment, treatment, habilitation – rehabilitation of diseases of these systems and the comprehensive management of the accompanying disabilities, impairment, limitation and participation restrictions.

In the field of paediatric neurology a subspecialist is required to have a specific range of knowledge and skills. These include the performance and interpretation of specialized electrophysiological tests, use of specific assessment tools in neurological and developmental conditions, employment of specific therapeutic techniques and the skill to work in a multidisciplinary setting with other clinical, para-clinical and community-based professionals to provide holistic care for children with acute or chronic neurological conditions.

Commencement of programme

Date of commencement of training programme: **2nd July 2025**

Invitations for training will normally be issued subject to availability of trainers and clinical rotations.

Eligibility

- Candidates who have completed 3 years basic training in general paediatrics and have passed the Joint MRCPCH (UK) / Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Intermediate Examination are eligible to receive up to a maximum of one cumulated year of PN subspecialty training experience during their higher training in General paediatrics (the overlapping year), subject to prior approval of the proposed training by the PN Subspecialty Board *OR*
- Specialists holding the qualification of FHKAM (Paediatrics) or its equivalent.

Training programme

- The subspecialty training in paediatric neurology is made up of a minimum of three years of supervised accredited training.
- In the training programme, a trainee is required to go through a minimum of two training centres and to be under the training and supervision of at least two accredited trainers. The training offered in the different units should be complementary.
- During the undertaking of Paediatric Neurology Subspecialty training, any one period of interruption should not be more than 12 weeks. Only one period of continuous or cumulative 12-week leave would be allowed during the three-year training programme (statutory leave, annual leave and casual leave that is within the trainee's entitlement are not counted). A trainee taking leave for more than 12 weeks would be required to extend his/ her training period to make up for the interruption in excess during the Paediatric Neurology training. A declaration of any interruption of training should be made by trainee on his/ her application for subspecialty Board Examination.
- The maximum duration of PN training is six years, starting from the date of joining PN programme (or the date of obtaining General Paediatrics Fellowship, whichever is later) to the date of passing PN Exit Examination.

- The training programme is divided into **four** mandatory modules namely:

Module A: Hospital based Paediatric neurology Training

A minimum period of 24 months training in a hospital setting is required. This period is dedicated to the acquisition of experience and skills in looking after acute neurological and chronic neurological problems both in neonates, children and adolescents in the in-patient hospital setting. There should be training in regular out-patient setting where children are managed at subspecialty clinics. There is also the period when specialized skills in electrophysiological tests, neurological investigations and treatment measures be learned. The trainee is also expected to acquire skill of working with different healthcare providers both in the hospital and in the community so multidisciplinary care can be rendered to patients.

Module B: Adult Neurology Training

A minimum of 3 months training in hospital-based adult neurology training in hospitals fully accredited for subspecialty training in Adult Neurology by the Hong Kong College of Physicians to provide 24 months of adult neurology training.

Module C: Neurorehabilitation training

A minimum of 3 months of training in an institution or hospital dedicated to the rehabilitation-habilitation of children with neurological conditions.

Module D: Neuro-Developmental Paediatrics

A minimum of 3 months training in Neuro-developmental Paediatrics conducted in units accredited in Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrics Subspecialty.

Assessment

This consists of ongoing interim assessments and final exit assessment. A trainee in this programme is expected to keep a log of activities by means of a log book that will be reviewed at annual interim assessments. The final Exit Assessment normally occurs in June and/or December each year. The trainee has to submit 2 original dissertations; one of the dissertations should be accepted for publication by a peer-reviewed journal, either local or overseas. The other dissertation can be the same as the dissertation submitted for Exit Assessment at the end of Higher Training in General Paediatrics. An examination, which can be in the format of oral, written and clinical examination, will be conducted.

Application

Please send your application and documents required to (Fill in the form below):

*Dr Tsui Kwing Wan, Hon. Secretary of PN Subspecialty Board
c/o Stephanie Lai, College Secretariat,
The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians,
Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building,
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road,
Hong Kong*

Enquiries

Full details about the programme are available at the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians website <http://www.paediatrician.org.hk>

For any query, please direct enquires to Dr Tsui Kwing Wan, Hon. Secretary via email to tsuikw@ha.org.hk and cc to College Secretariat Ms Stephanie Lai at : enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk.

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I Applicant's particular

Name: _____
(Block Letters) (Surname) (Given Name)

Chinese Name : _____

Gender : M/F Basic Medical Degree / year : _____

Other medical qualification : _____

Date of Birth : _____ Place of Birth : _____

Correspondence
Address : _____

Office Address : _____

Rank/Post : _____

Tel : _____

E-mail : _____

Stages of general paediatrics training (please):

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II Curriculum Vitae

Please submit Curriculum Vitae that should include the following items whenever applicable:

- Academic Record and Professional Qualification with dates
- Present and Previous Appointments with dates
- Involvement in activities/committees at departmental, hospital, head office level as well as local college and professional bodies
- Previous training record with dates including courses/conferences, local & overseas training, professional & administrative.
- Publications & Presentations in both local and overseas conferences
- Research or projects completed or in progress
- Teaching activity
- Community service
- Previous awards/prizes/scholarships/fellowships obtained with dates

III Referees

Name and Address of two referees who are Fellows of College of Paediatricians

Referee 1: _____ Fellowship No: _____ Email: _____

Referee 2: _____ Fellowship No: _____ Email: _____

IV Declaration of Applicant

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that all information given or attached is true, accurate and complete and authorize the College to verify and to communicate the above information with whatever sources the College may choose.

Name (Block letter) Signature of Applicant Date

V Support of the Chief of Service (COS) or Service Head (if applicable)

I support/ do not support the above candidate's application for training in Paediatric Neurology.

Additional comments:

Name (Block letter)	Signature of COS or service head	Date
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Note

- 1) The personal data provided by means of this form will be used by the College solely for the purpose of processing application for the training programme in PN.
- 2) Application has to be supported by Chief of Service or Service Head (if applicable) of applicant's department.
- 3) Please return the duly completed application form, with curriculum vitae to:

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PN Subspecialty Board
c/o Stephanie Lai, College Secretariat,
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, HONG KONG**

**Tel: 2871 8842
Fax: 2785 1850
Email: enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk**

- 4) Confidential statement of the referee may be sent either with the completed application or separately to the Hon Secretary by the referee under confidential cover and should reach the Hon Secretary's Office as soon as possible.