

# ICGP Erasmus Presentation – September 2017

*“ICGP – Irish General Practice providing excellence in continuing personal healthcare for all”*

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# The ICGP

- The professional body for general practice in Ireland
- The college has 4,156 members; comprising over 85% of practising GPs in the Republic of Ireland
- The activities of the ICGP include:
  - Training and education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels
  - Accreditation of specialist training programmes in general practice
  - The College is the examining body for Membership in General Practice
  - Public relations and interaction with the media on behalf of the profession
  - Promotion of continuing education, professional development and research

# Research department

- The main aim is to develop and support research and audits in general practice in a structured format

- Projects:

- MECC - Making Every Consultation Count
- PHEMI - Physical Health of People with Enduring Mental Illness
- H-SYRI - Health of Syrian Refugees in Ireland



# Undergraduate Medical Education

- In Ireland there are 6 undergraduate medical schools
- Undergraduate / Graduate Entry
  - 5 years Medical training- registered doctor
  - 1 year - Internship
    - 6 months General Surgery
    - 6 months General Medicine
- Undergraduates and general practice
  - More exposure to general practice at the earlier stages of medical education
  - Increasing number of GPs who are engaged in undergraduate teaching



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- >170 intake per year, 14 schemes
- 340 training practices
- Competition ratio for places 1.9
- 66-82% retention within GP
- Attrition 0.3%





# Structure of Training



**4 years duration :**

2 hospital, 2 in training practices

Protected time theory course  $\frac{1}{2}$  day a week in 1<sup>st</sup> 2 years.

Protected time theory course full day in 2<sup>nd</sup> two years.



- Numbers
  - 650 Trainees,
  - 360 GP Trainers
  - 85 Programme Directors



# 10 Components GP Training (5)

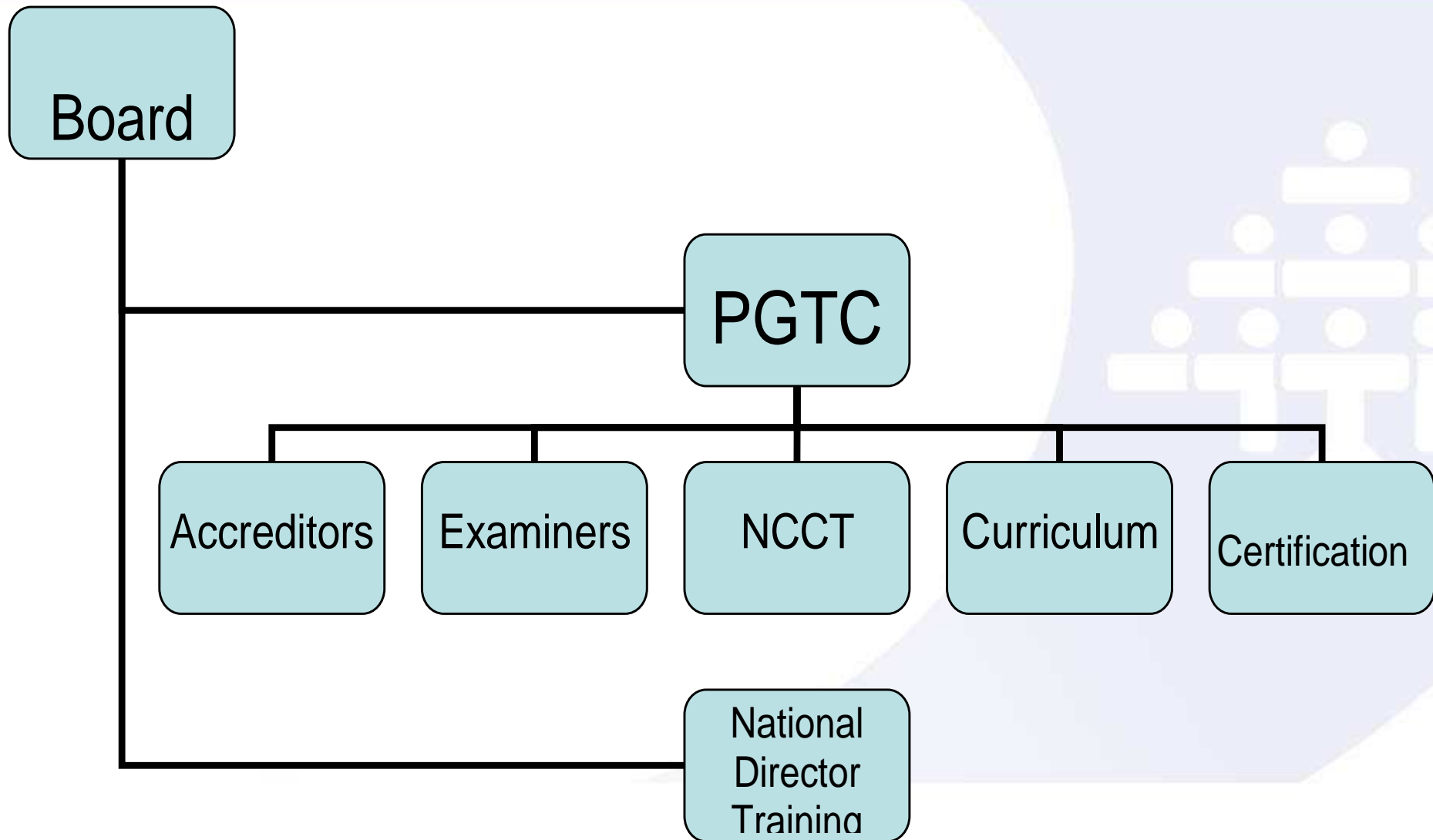
- Recruitment
- Teaching
- Support of trainee
- Assessment of trainee
- Examination development



# 10 components GP Training (5)

- Curriculum development
- CPD and Research.
- Quality Assurance
- Liaison with health services, universities...
- Communication & Governance.

# Governance structure



# ACCREDITATION



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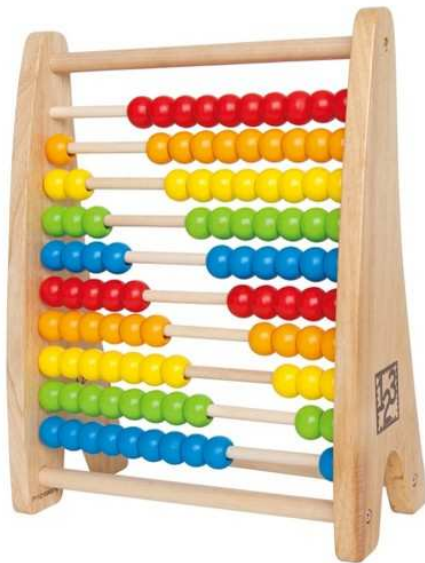


# Irish Professional Competence Schemes (PCS)

- Formal structure to assist doctors in meeting their Continuous Professional Development (CPD) requirements
- Introduced in May 2011 for all registered medical practitioners
- Regulated by the Irish Medical Council (IMC)
- Medical Practitioners are assisted in meeting their requirements by one of 13 Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies
- PCS year: 1<sup>st</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> April



# Medical Council Requirements

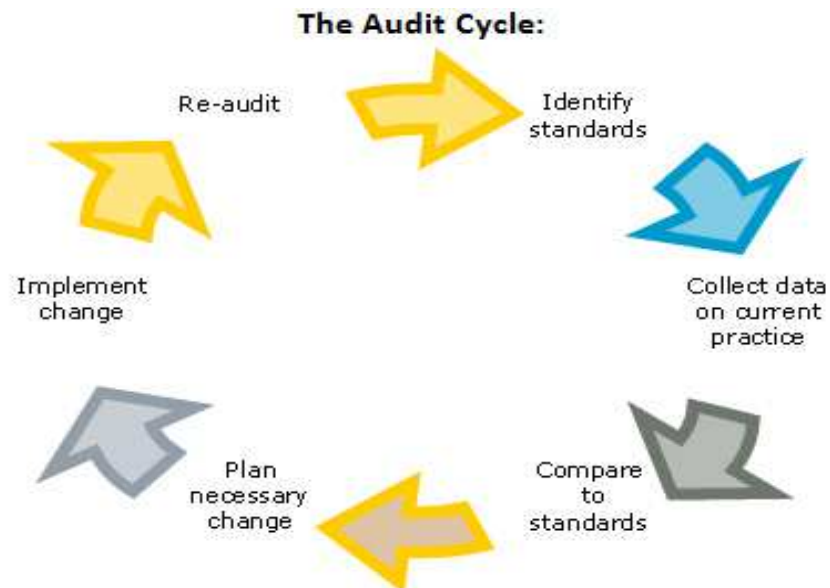


- 50 CPD credits (minimum):
  - ✓ 20 External (*knowledge/skills*)
  - ✓ 20 Internal (*practice evaluation/development*)
  - ✓ 5 Personal Learning
  - ✓ 5 additional credits

## Medical Council Requirements (*cont.*)

- o 1 annual audit (clinical or practice)

*“Audit is a quality improvement process that follows a systematic review and evaluation of activities against research-based standards. An audit is a continuous process of aiming to improve patient care and practice excellence.”*



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## Medical Council Requirements (*cont.*)

- Recording & evidence
- Statement of Participation - proof of engagement with a Scheme
- Random checks as part of regulation of the Scheme:
  - IMC random audit process



# The role of the ICGP

- Advice & support:
  - Helpdesk
  - FAQs & guidelines
  - Verification process
- Provision of CPD activities:
  - Events
  - Courses & online learning
- Recognition of external CPD activities
- Provision of an online ePortfolio to assist doctors with recording their requirements:
  - [www.icgp.ie/pcs](http://www.icgp.ie/pcs)



## What activities do GPs engage in?



- CME small group meetings
- Conferences, webinars, learning updates
- Practice meeting
- Journal reading
- Audits relating to practice (e.g. flu vaccination, repeat prescribing, asthma)

**Thank you!**

**Благодаря!**

**Хвала вам!**

**Köszönöm!**

**Go raibh maith agat!**



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