

# Care of the COPD Patient (HEA 2085) Seamless Care across Primary & Secondary Care Settings



- Venue - Monks of Bulphan Ltd, Ye Olde Plough House, Brentwood Road, Bulphan, Essex, RM14 3SR
- 30 week module - 30 credits at Diploma level

Despite improvements, respiratory disease is still increasing with COPD affecting an estimated 3.7 million people in the UK, 2.8 million of which are still undiagnosed. It is also the 5th biggest killer in the UK with over 30% of deaths associated to COPD. These figures are higher than the European Union National Average.

Early diagnosis and screening is a key theme within the proposed Department of Health's National Strategy, due for implementation in March 2010 and this diploma level module includes such important issues.

#### Aims of module

- Describe the relevant anatomy and physiology of the respiratory tract as it relates to COPD
- Discuss the aetiology and pathophysiology of COPD
- Interpret patient history and clinical data in order to comprehensively assess patients with COPD (including ruling out of differential diagnosis) and to plan and implement patient care appropriately across a range of healthcare settings
- Discuss the role of health professionals in the management of the COPD patient from a primary and secondary care perspective
- Analyse the effectiveness of a range of self-management interventions of COPD
- Consider professional and ethical issues as they relate to COPD management
- Discuss the variety of psychological and physical complications COPD patients face and propose strategies for coping with these

#### Course Content (will include)

- Patient-centred primary and secondary care approaches to providing evidence-based care to COPD patients
- Prevalence and causes of COPD
- Disease processes applied to normal functioning of the respiratory system
- Diagnosis and assessment of patients including interpretation of spirometry, screening and assessment for oxygen therapy
- Organisation and delivery of care and services
- Psychosocial impact of the disease including end of life and ethical issues
- Management strategies including pharmacological and non-pharmacological strategies
- Significance and management of acute exacerbations in both primary and secondary care and preventative strategies

#### Study Days

Day 1 - 15th September 2010    Day 2 - 2nd November 2010  
Day 3 - 2nd December 2010    Day 4 - 19th January 2011

**Module cost - £525 plus £50 admin fee**

**For further information or application forms, please contact Gill Butler or Lisa Mullen on 0151 529 6254 or e-mail [gill.butler@respiratoryeduc.com](mailto:gill.butler@respiratoryeduc.com)**

#### Assessment

5,000 word case study analysing the holistic care delivered to a specific COPD patient in the student's care.

This module can be studied as an independent unit of study or as a module towards either the **Diploma in Respiratory Practice** or the **University Higher Certificate in Respiratory Assessment and Management** awards.

To access this module, you would be expected to have had at least one year post registration experience and should be working with or involved in the care of patients with COPD.

**Successful completion results in 30 academic credits at diploma level**

#### Student Support

Comprehensive course materials are provided to students. Tutorial time supports students, with specialist staff always available by either phone, e-mail or on-line.

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