

Dear All

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh is launching a new postgraduate diploma in retrieval and transfer medicine. The diploma has been developed by the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. This will be the first diploma in the UK awarded by a Royal College relating to retrieval and transfer medicine.

The diploma will be granted following successful completion of a two day examination. The first diet of the examination will take place on September 6 and 7th 2012.

Retrieval is the deployment of a critical care team to a seriously ill or injured patient's location to undertake resuscitation and stabilisation prior to safe transfer to definitive care. The examination is set at a standard commensurate with the level of expertise necessary to be a safe and effective member of a retrieval team.

The examination will focus mainly on the secondary and tertiary retrieval of patients from one health care facility to another. Candidates will be expected to be competent in the assessment, management, triage and transfer of adult patients with a range of illnesses and injuries. Previous operational experience of secondary or tertiary retrieval is advised.

A knowledge and understanding of retrieval co-ordination and a variety of land and air transport platforms will be expected.

The examination will focus predominantly on the retrieval of adult patients. Questions regarding the retrieval of paediatric patients will however be included. The examination will not deal with the retrieval of neonatal patients.

A detailed syllabus, candidate guide and a guide to educational resources are available on the college website www.rcsed.ac.uk

The examination is open to doctors, nurses and paramedics who are fully registered in the UK. Further eligibility details and an application form are available on the college website.

The closing date for the 2012 diet is the 29th of June 2012.