

# Transfer of Undergraduate Medical Curriculum in Nutrition

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**Association for Nutrition (AfN) is delighted to announce responsibility for the UK Undergraduate Curriculum in Nutrition for newly qualified doctors has been transferred from the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC) to Association for Nutrition (AfN).**

The UK Undergraduate Curriculum in nutrition was developed by the Inter-Collegiate Group on Nutrition, a committee of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and an implementation group representing UK medical schools. It describes expected nutrition content of undergraduate medical training to meet 'Outcomes for Graduates (Tomorrow's doctors)' published by the General Medical Council.

On transfer, Alastair Henderson, Chief Executive of Academy of Medical Royal Colleges said:

*'The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges is delighted Association for Nutrition will lead on the review and implementation of the undergraduate curriculum, to ensure all newly qualified doctors are appropriately trained and skilled in nutrition to support clinical practice.'*

Mark Dexter, Head of Policy (Education), General Medical Council, said:

*'We welcome the transfer of responsibility for the UK Undergraduate Curriculum in Nutrition from Academy of Medical Royal Colleges to Association for Nutrition. The Association for Nutrition will continue the excellent work of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges in developing capacity in nutrition in undergraduate medical education to meet GMC Outcomes for Graduates.'*

*'The General Medical Council are publishing a revised version of the Outcomes for Graduates in Summer 2018. The updated version will continue to require newly qualified doctors to have knowledge of nutrition through an expanded number of specific outcomes in this area.'*

Leonie Milliner, Chief Executive of Association for Nutrition said;

*'General Medical Council's Outcomes for Graduates sets clear, high-level expectations in relation to nutrition. With the transfer of responsibility for the undergraduate curriculum in nutrition from the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges to Association for Nutrition, we intend to draw together stakeholders from across the field of nutrition, medical education and its quality assurance to drive forward its review and implementation, and to continue to support medical Royal Colleges in the broader agenda of ensuring all clinicians who carry a responsibility to use and translate evidence-based nutrition science are suitably qualified.'*

*This is an important step, and underlines the Association for Nutrition's commitment to ensure that everyone who advises individuals and families on food choice is competent and capable.*

## NOTES

1.1 The UK Undergraduate Curriculum in Nutrition can be accessed here;  
[http://www.aomrc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Undergraduate\\_Curriculum\\_Nutrition\\_0213-2.pdf](http://www.aomrc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Undergraduate_Curriculum_Nutrition_0213-2.pdf)

1.2 Association for Nutrition (AfN) is the voluntary regulator for qualified nutritionists. We protect and benefit the public by promoting nutrition and public health and championing high standards of practice in the nutrition profession. We maintain a competency-based register of individuals who are qualified and competent in nutritional science and practice and agree to uphold professional and ethical standards through a code of conduct. Only individuals who meet these high standards in evidence based science and professional practice can join and remain on the Register.

1.3 Registered Nutritionists occupy important positions, often with strategic input, in policy and service functions throughout the NHS and private healthcare, public health, in animal welfare, academia and the food sectors (retailing, service, manufacturing and aspects of agriculture) and across the field of sports and exercise nutrition.

1.4 For further information on this work and the Association for Nutrition, please contact Dr Glenys Jones on [g.jones@associationfornutrition.org](mailto:g.jones@associationfornutrition.org)

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