



CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE DIPLOMA (level 5) Module Education for Health

Course information:

COPD is known to affect more than 900,000 people in the UK. However, the British Lung Foundation has reported “missing millions” of patients who are not yet diagnosed but suffering from this debilitating condition. Correct diagnosis is essential to promote targeted patient care and education that could improve long term outcomes

This module has been designed to equip healthcare professionals to identify people who may be at risk of COPD and to ensure that accurate diagnosis and effective treatment strategies are implemented. National and international guidelines (1) are used to inform practice and encourage an evidence based approach to care. The module is delivered by eLearning and accredited by the Open University. Four interactive study days support your learning with a mix of informal lectures and practical sessions delivered by expert practising clinicians.

(1) <http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/CG101>

By the end of the module you will be able to:

- Discuss the pathophysiology of COPD
- Recognise risk factors for COPD
- Understand the use of lung function tests in people with COPD
- Analyse the critical issues in history-taking in this field
- Assess disability and health status in COPD patients and examine their impact
- Understand the main aims of both pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment

Learning Outcomes:

- The impact on the individual and the NHS
- Effective history taking, assessment and diagnosis
- Treatment options, both pharmacological and non-pharmacological
- Care planning and self-management

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