

RCOphth online learning platform launched

I am delighted to announce the Launch of INSPIRE, the RCOphth online learning platform that is free of charge for members. For most of you, Launch is just the starting point of this exciting project. At this stage, everyone should be able to find a couple of materials that excite them.

Below are quotes of what Editors and Learners are saying about INSPIRE. To the right the Editors have picked out some of the highlights in each Programme.

After Launch the platform will develop quite rapidly, and then continue to expand and evolve for years to come. This requires you to contribute your educational materials, so please do so via the Contributions process described on the College site.

I really look forward to you joining us on INSPIRE.

Melanie Corbett,
Tele-Learning Lead, RCOphth

It will be great to have a centralised platform to access learning resources appropriate to our training grades, clinical placements and learning styles
ST3 Trainee

Anything you need for your training, development and research all in one platform.
OPT Nurse in A&E



Clinical Skills Editor
Flexible and engaging environment which consolidates materials for all training at different levels in one single platform.
Marta Ugarte

When teaching my trainees, INSPIRE will provide them with fundamental knowledge so our valuable teaching time can focus on application in practice.
Consultant



OPT Co-Editor
I am excited about the Clinical Skills and Decision Making resources. As an orthoptist, it will be great to see how to assess a wider range of conditions.
Jamie Spofforth



Tele-Learning Lead
Launching INSPIRE is the culmination of a long-term vision for promoting and supporting education and development of all ophthalmologists and eyecare professionals.
Melanie Corbett

We look forward to the learning, education and communication that INSPIRE brings to help us develop in our careers.
SAS Ophthalmologist

I will value a more structured approach to learning, with consolidation questions.
OPT Nurse in Med Ret



Emergency Eye Care Editor
An excellent opportunity to expand educational resources for the benefit of a wider audience.
Tara Bader

I will enjoy engaging with the different types of learning resources.
ST2 Trainee

I look forward to insights from across the professions.
OPT Optometrist



Senior Editor
INSPIRE will offer an almost incomparable resource: quality-assured accessible learning, covering an impressive range of clinical and non-clinical subjects. I look forwards to seeing it mature and fulfil its potential.
Michael Williams

I am looking forward to clinical case-based discussions and images to help with exam preparation.
ST3 Trainee



SAS Instructor
We are very excited to encourage SAS doctors to engage with INSPIRE and join this new, inclusive community of learning.
Swetha Batambuze

Clinical Skills Co-Editor
Colleagues have a great opportunity to share quality content from local teaching.
Sirjhun Patel

INSPIRE will increase awareness of ophthalmology amongst medical students who may then consider it as a career
Medical Student

The different levels of learning will enable my knowledge to continue to grow at any stage of my career.
ST1 Trainee



Community Editor
A fully comprehensive platform allowing all eye care professionals to come together and treat patients in a consistent way.
Rajni Jain

An excellent platform to kick-start revision and support further learning
Medical Student

I would like advice on collating and interpreting research results
ST4 Trainee

I look forward to collaborative learning by working through quiz questions with a buddy.
OPT Nurse Practitioner



Glaucoma Instructor
You can now join top quality courses at home in just one click.
Ali Ibrahim

Key Dates

LAUNCHED

Thursday 20 October 2022

Access the INSPIRE platform from the RCOphth website.

WEBINAR

Thursday 10 November 2022

Learn how to navigate the platform and find the materials you want.



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Lifelong learning for
Eye Care Professionals

To find out more view the 5 minute video and register for the webinar on the College website at rcophth.ac.uk/events-courses/rcophth-education/inspire-the-rcophth-online-learning-platform/

INSPIRE Programme	Editors' Highlights
CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE – the subspecialties	
Cornea & Ocular Surface	takes learners from a structured approach to ocular surface assessment through to the technicalities of graft surgery
Cataract	the surgical sections are ideal opportunities for members to contribute examples of their techniques with explanations
Glaucoma	includes explanation of the landmark clinical trials and dissects the evidence
Medical Retina	includes a step-by-step guide to OCT interpretation, and implications for management
Vitreoretinal	understand the anatomy and pathophysiology of retinal detachment before learning various techniques for repair
Oculoplastics	applies knowledge of structure and movement to achieving good aesthetic and functional outcomes of surgery
Neuro-ophthalmology	video examples of eye movements demonstrate classic patterns and approaches for complex cases
Paediatric Ophthalmology	integrates genetics and visual development with care for the child and their family
Emergency Eye Care	applies principles of urgent eye care for both practitioners and ophthalmologists
Community Eye Care	learning materials to support this exciting special interest area new to Curriculum2024
Global Eye Care	exploring issues of international importance and supporting colleagues in low resource settings
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – for all your professional roles	
Clinician	
Fundamental Eye Care	Ophthalmic General Training (OGT) for medical students, foundation doctors and novices in ophthalmology (OST/OLT/OPT)
Clinical Skills	video examples of essential skills, supported by detailed explanations
Clinical Decision Making	question-based approach cases and scenarios helps you make management decisions in clinical practice, and prepare for exams
Surgical Skills & Simulation	step-by-step videos teaching general surgical skills, and demonstrations of how to practice in simulation
Curriculum	each learning outcome of the OST/OLT and OPT curriculums link to INSPIRE resources
Trainer (TTT)	materials on teaching & learning, supervision and programme management, to support in-person courses
Researcher	ophthalmology-specific materials plus sign-posting to a wealth of external generic learning
Manager	understanding the organisation and optimising the delivery of your service and the wider healthcare environment
Leader	how to understand yourself as a leader, and to influence, negotiate and initiate in any environment around you
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT – support for every stage of your career	
Wellbeing & Mentoring	suggestions of how to look after yourself and support others
Practitioners (OPT)	detailed guidance on OPT training, with support for learners, supervisors and units on its implementation
Trainees (OST & OLT)	authoritative advice and guidance for every step of your training
Staff & Associate Specialists (SAS)	support for development of SAS doctors as clinicians and also in non-clinical and leadership roles
New Consultants	extra preparation and support for those aspiring to or stepping up to a new consultant role
Established Ophthalmologists	for consultants and SAS doctors in the latter half of their posts, highlighting motivators, opportunities and wider roles

Abbreviations: OST – Ophthalmology Specialist Training, OLT – Ophthalmology Local Training, OPT – Ophthalmic Practitioner Training, OGT – Ophthalmic General Training, TTT – training the Trainers, SAS – Staff Grades and Associate Specialists, MR – Medical Retina.