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- **Geriatric medicine** ^[1]

Geriatric medicine the branch of medicine concerned with all aspects of health and illness in older adults. It is the largest medical specialty.

Training and qualifications required

Training usually starts with a five year first degree in medicine. You'll then complete two years of foundation training and two years of core training (CT1-2), followed by five years of specialty training (ST3-7). All trainees in geriatric medicine also undertake the training programme for general internal medicine, leading to a certificate of completion of training (CCT) in each field. This period of training will include your royal college exams. Length of training can vary according to your circumstances.

Expected working hours and salary range

Doctors may work up to 48 hours a week. The working hours may sometimes extend beyond the normal working day to include early mornings, evenings and weekends. On call highly likely. Pay scales (2017): NHS consultants earn between £76,761 and £103,490

Desirable skills and values

For this role you'll be willing and able to advocate against ageism and stereotyping of old people and be good at solving complex diagnostic dilemmas. You'll also need to be able to prioritise and plan, solve diagnostic puzzles, work well in a team and be good at communicating with older people.

Prospects

There are 1,233 consultants in geriatric medicine in England in 2016. Opportunities exist for research and teaching.

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