

GERIATRIC MEDICINE



Geriatric medicine is one of the largest branches of general medicine in the UK [6]

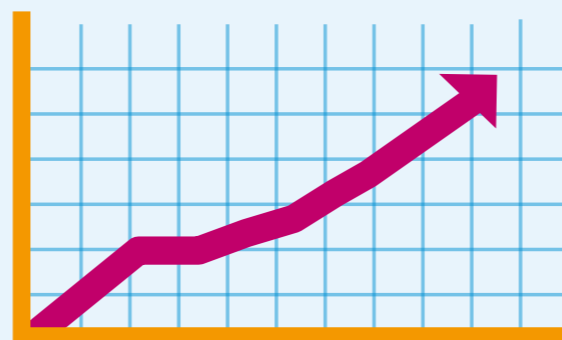


Skills and qualities needed

You need empathy and the ability to communicate with older people. You also need the ability to advocate against ageism and the stereotyping of old people [2]



3,828 doctors were working in geriatric medicine in March 2017 [3]

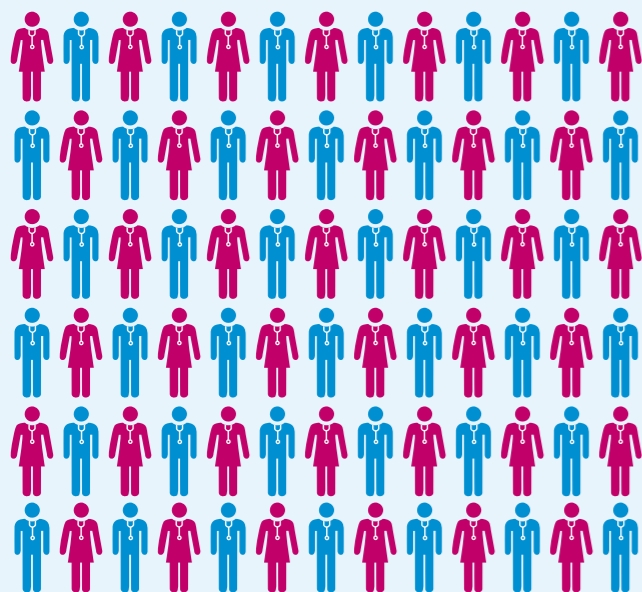


Health Education England commissioned **610** training places for geriatric medicine higher specialty training in 2016/17 [4]



Entry requirements

For 5-year medical school courses, you will need very high A-level grades including sciences. There are other routes in if you have non-science subjects or a degree, but for all you must demonstrate an interest in medicine. You'll also need to pass an interview and usually take an admissions test. [5]



Women make up **62%** of higher specialty trainees in England, Wales and Northern Ireland [6]

'What they say'

"This role is everything I could have hoped for. I enjoy the intellectual challenge it brings and how fascinating and rewarding it is." [1]

Adam Gordon
(Consultant geriatrician)



Where the role can lead
Managerial opportunities for geriatric medicine consultants include clinical lead, clinical director and medical director [6]



Training

Following a minimum of five years at university and two years training afterwards, you will typically train for six years to become a geriatrician [2]



There are currently **42** vacancies in the NHS for geriatric medicine [8]

Facts and figures taken from: [1] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/AdamGordon [2] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/medicine/geriatric-medicine/entry-requirements-skills-and-interests [3] <http://content.digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB24214/nhs-work-stat-mar-2017-doc-spec-level.xlsx> [4] <https://hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/HEE%20commissioning%20and%20invest-ment%20plan.pdf> [5] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/studying-medicine/applying-medical-school/medical-school-courses [6] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/medicine/geriatric-medicine [8] www.nhsjobs.nhs.uk (30/07/18)