

# GERIATRIC MEDICINE



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

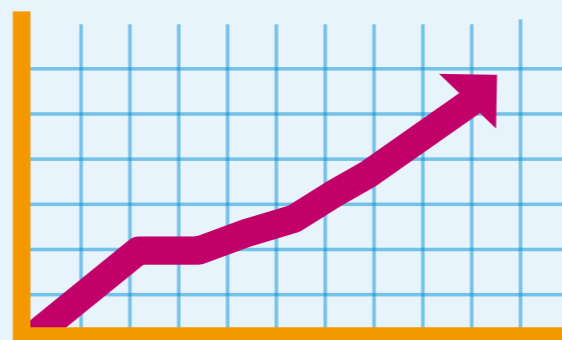


## Skills and qualities needed

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]



Approximately **2621** doctors specialise in geriatric medicine in England [3]

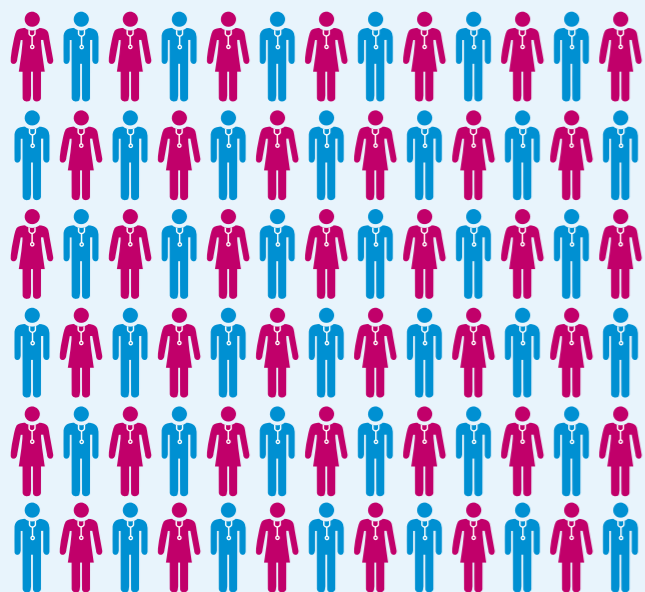


Health Education England is commissioning **610** training places for geriatric medicine higher specialty training in 2016/17 [4]



## Entry requirements

To get into 5-year medical school courses, you will need A grades in sciences and demonstrate an interest in medicine. You'll also need to pass an interview and usually take an admissions test [5]



Women make up **59%** 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 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 **35** vacancies in the NHS for geriatric medicine [8]

Facts and figures taken from: [1] [www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/AdamGordon](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/AdamGordon) [2] [www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/medicine/geriatric-medicine/entry-requirements-skills-and-interests](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/medicine/geriatric-medicine/entry-requirements-skills-and-interests) [3] <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB16931/nhs-staf-2014-med-dent-detl-tab.xls> [4] <https://hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/HEE%20commissioning%20and%20investment%20plan.pdf> [5] [www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/studying-medicine/applying-medical-school/medical-school-courses](http://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](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/medicine/geriatric-medicine) [8] [www.nhsjobs.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsjobs.nhs.uk) (07/04/16)