



Advanced Paramedic Upskilling Programme - Part 1

Dear Candidate,

On behalf of the National Ambulance Services College, Dublin Fire Brigade and their respective universities UCD and RCSI and the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council, I would like to welcome you to Part 1 of the Advanced Paramedic Upskilling Programme. The development of the 3rd Edition Clinical Practice Guidelines by PHECC is an important milestone in the provision of care by Advanced Paramedics in Ireland.

The upskilling process will occur in 2 stages; Part 1 will concentrate on 1) modifications of existing practice and 2) changes that will have a significant impact on a large number of patients. More complex procedures and those thought to affect only small numbers of patients will be addressed in Part 2 of the Upskilling programme.

The AP Upskilling manual has been available electronically since March 2010. It discusses the rationale for the new CPG's. It is recommended that AP's download it, study the material in their own time and then complete a workbook type assessment relating to the new material (a mix of scenarios, MCQ's and extended matching questions). Sample Questions are available electronically on this file. You must successfully complete the workbook before progressing to a 2 day workshop. This ensures that all candidates have read the manual and are familiar with the new CPG's.

The next stage will be a 2 day workshop where there will be 15 skill stations over 1.5 days. You will then complete a "Clinical Scenario" on the final afternoon. Further details of the assessment procedure are available in the document "[AP Upskilling Assessment Process](#)".

I would like to wish you well in your studies and hope that you enjoy the Upskilling Programme.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Niamh Collins



This information is intended to for use as an educational tool during Part1 of the Advanced Paramedic Upskilling Programme to the 3rd Edition of the PHECC CPG's

