

Practitioners Definitions



Definitions

Consultant

Consultant means a medical practitioner who:

- is engaged in hospital practice;
- holds all necessary qualifications to act as a consultant in the Republic of Ireland;
- by reason of his/her training, skill and experience in a designated specialty (including appropriate specialist training) is consulted by other registered medical practitioners and undertakes full clinical responsibility for patients in his or her care, or that aspect of care on which he or she has been consulted, without supervision in professional matters by any other person and;
- holds a current full registration as a specialist with the Medical Council of Ireland and is listed on the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council of Ireland.

In relation to treatments and procedures which are performed outside Ireland, a consultant is a surgeon, physician or anaesthetist who is legally qualified and recognised to provide the treatment or procedure in that country on a tertiary referral basis.

Dentist

A dental practitioner, who:

- holds a current full registration with the Irish Dental Council,
- is on the Register of Dentists,
- is qualified to practice as a primary medical care physician,
- holds a primary medical qualification

General practitioner / GP

A medical practitioner who holds all necessary qualifications to act as a general practitioner in Ireland, holds a current full registration with the Irish Medical Council and is registered with Aviva.

Periodontist

A dentist who has completed a 3 year post graduate training course which is, or is recognised as, equivalent to training courses accredited by the European Federation of Periodontists.

Oral surgeon

A dentist who is on the Specialist Register of Oral Consultants maintained by the Dental Council of Ireland and who is registered with Aviva.

Directory of Allied Health Professionals, Alternative (Complementary) and Other Practitioners

Allied Health Professionals

Breastfeeding consultant

A registered midwife who is also a member of the ALCI (Association of Lactation Consultants in Ireland) and who holds International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) membership.

Chiropodist

A member of one of the following Societies:

- The Society for Chiropodists/Podiatrists
- Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists in Ireland
- Institute of Chiropodists and Podiatrists in Ireland
- Irish branch of the British Chiropody and Podiatry Association
- The Irish Chiropodists/Podiatrists Organisation Ltd

Dietician

A member of the Irish Nutrition & Dietetic Institute.

Midwife

A person who is registered as a midwife with Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland).

Nurse

A nurse who is registered with Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland).

Occupational therapist

A member of the Association of Occupational therapists of Ireland.

Physiotherapist

A chartered physiotherapist, who is a member of the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists or a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists.

Podiatrist

A member of one of the following Societies:

- The Society for Chiropodists/Podiatrists
- Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists in Ireland
- Institute of Chiropodists and Podiatrists in Ireland
- Irish branch of the British Chiropody and Podiatry Association
- The Irish Chiropodists/Podiatrists Organisation Ltd.

Speech and language therapist

A member of the Irish Association of Speech and language therapists.

Alternative (Complementary) and Other Practitioners

Acupuncturist

A person who is on the professional register of one of the following bodies:

- The Acupuncture Council of Ireland (TCMCI Ltd)
- The Acupuncture Foundation Professional Association
- The Professional Register of Traditional Chinese Medicine

Baby massage therapist

A member of Baby Massage Ireland, (BMI) the Irish chapter of International Association of Infant Massage.

Chiropractor

A member of one of the following Associations:

- The Chiropractic Association of Ireland
- Mc Timony Chiropractic Association of Ireland

Homeopath

A person who is on the professional register of one of the following Societies:

- The Irish Society of Homeopaths
- The Irish Medical Homeopathic Society

Massage therapist

A member of the Irish Massage therapists Association.

Medical herbalist

A member of the Irish Institute of Medical herbalists (IIMH).

Osteopath

A member of The Osteopathic Council of Ireland.

Physical therapist

A member of one of the following Associations:

- Irish Association of Physical therapists
- Registered Physical therapists of Ireland
- Association of Neuromuscular Therapists
- Irish Institute of Physical therapists

Psychologist

A member of the Irish Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy, a member of the Psychological Society of Ireland.

Reflexologist

A member of the National Register of Reflexologists (Ireland), Irish Reflexologists' Institute.

Sports rehabilitation therapist

A member of the British Association of Sports Rehabilitators and Trainers.