

# School of Postgraduate Medicine: short course

## The psychological and social aspects of disfiguring skin conditions

Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

The School of Postgraduate Medicine is delighted to be working with 'Changing Faces' to deliver a short course for dermatology health care professionals to help them meet the psychosocial needs of people with skin problems leading to disfigurement. *Changing Faces* is a national charity with a track record in providing support for people with disfigurement. The content will be provided by an experienced facilitator from the organisation.



### Content

This one-day Specialist Course will enable dermatology professionals to:

- Explore the psychological and social difficulties posed by a changed appearance resulting from conditions such as eczema, vitiligo and psoriasis
- Discuss how assumptions, beliefs, attitudes and language surrounding visible difference caused by dermatological conditions can influence communication
- Understand how the *Changing Faces*' psycho-social model supports children, young people and adults who have a changed appearance, and their families
- Examine how this model can be adapted to a dermatology setting
- Learn how to equip patients and their families with a range of communication skills and coping strategies for dealing with difficult social situations

### Who Should Attend?

The course is designed for any professional who works with children, young people or adults, with a particular emphasis on dermatological conditions such as eczema, vitiligo and psoriasis. It is suitable for doctors, nurses, GPs working with patients with skin conditions.

**Dates** November 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Application** To apply please contact:

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