



Sapienza University of Rome

II School of Medicine

Academic Year 2008-2009

MASTER'S DEGREE IN HEADACHE MEDICINE

The Master in Headache Medicine is aimed at developing excellence among experts in this field of clinical medicine. Its purpose is to promote and disseminate epidemiological, nosographic, genetic, pathophysiological, diagnostic, social-health, clinical and therapeutic knowledge of headache, a disease that has a considerable impact on the general population. This high-level post-graduate course will provide successful applicants with the instruments necessary to make a modern evaluation of headaches that will allow the correct management of affected patients. Course participants will be able to acquire multidisciplinary competences that will enable them to relate to the problems of headache patients by means of the most wide-ranging, inter-cultural skills. The Master is included in the Global Campaign to Reduce the Burden of Headache Worldwide (GC), an initiative in collaboration with WHO, and is endorsed by the European Headache Federation. The e-learning section is organized in alliance with Springer.

Admission

The Master in Headache Medicine is a one-year course of training in permanent excellence divided into two terms. Applicants must already have a specialist degree on either one of the following disciplines: Medicine and Surgery, Odontology, Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Technologies, Biotechnologies, Health Economics or Psychology.

The Master in Headache Medicine is not compatible with any contemporary academic course, excluding the High Formation Courses.

The official language is English.

Cost

The cost of the Master is € 3,500, which must be paid in a single instalment at the time of registration and not later than 2 February 2009. The application form for the Master must be accompanied by a registration fee of € 30,00 and a Stamp duty of € 14,62. In case of delayed payment there is an extra cost of € 55,00 within 60 days after due date amount of € 110,00 for payment after the 60th day. A fee of € 66,00 is foreseen for final examination. The payment on the whole can be performed online at the website <http://www.bancadiroma.it> under the heading "pagamento tasse universitarie". The Teaching-Scientific Council may assign study grants, which may also be obtained from private or public companies, or other bodies. Scholarships for GC will be available.

Applications

Applications for admission must be sent to: Prof. Paolo Martelletti, Master in Headache Medicine, II School of Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, Via Vitorchiano 81, I-00189 Rome, Italy in such a way as to arrive by 15 December 2008. The application, which must contain the personal details of the candidate (surname, name, date and place of birth) and bear his/her handwritten signature, is to be accompanied by the following documents:

- a copy of a valid identity document;
- a degree certificate bearing the final mark, as well as a list of all of the examinations taken and their marks;
- a curriculum vitae et studiorum containing: the title of the degree thesis, as well as those of any post-graduate Specialisation, Master or Doctorate theses, together with the date on which the degree was awarded and its mark; a list of any other qualifications and certificates, including any certification regarding scientific, teaching and research activities that may be considered useful for the purposes of admission.

Site

The teaching activities will take place on the teaching premises of the II School of Medicine of Sapienza University of Rome, as well as in the clinical structures referring to the Regional Referral Headache Centre at Sant'Andrea Hospital in Rome.

Registration

One week after the deadline for the presentation of applications, the classification of the successful candidates will be displayed on the premises of the Master's Scientific Secretariat and publicised on the website <http://w3.uniroma1.it/headache>. The registration must be completed by the successful candidates in accordance with the instructions that can be found on the website of the University www.infostud.uniroma1.it.

Duration and objectives

- During the one-year course, the participants will be expected to acquire:
- a profound scientific and cultural understanding of headache medicine ranging from a detailed knowledge of the disability caused by the disease and its socio-economic impact, to its pathogenetic mechanisms, clinical aspects, diagnosis and treatment;
 - a good knowledge of the instrumental investigations supporting diagnosis;
 - the skills necessary to allow complete autonomy in terms of patient management, and the design and performance of research protocols involving patients affected by headache and/or cranio-facial disorders.

The course is planned to start on 12 January 2009.

Training activities

The indispensable activities required cover the following disciplines: Molecular Biology, Epidemiology, Health Economics, Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacology, Pharmacoeconomics, Medical Genetics, Public Health, Internal Medicine, Occupational Medicine, Neuroanatomy, Neurology, Child Neuropsychiatry, Neuroradiology, Neurotraumatology, Social Policies, Psychiatry.

The course consists of two basic modules and one advanced module. The lessons will be divided into four terms. Distance learning is available at request. There will be an online test at the end of each term, and the final examination will precede thesis discussion.

Diploma

In order to be awarded the Diploma of Master, a student must have passed the tests relating to the individual modules, passed the final examination, and discussed the thesis.

Secretariat

For further details, please contact Dr. Caterina Panetta, Master's Scientific Secretariat, II School of Medicine and Surgery, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, Via Vitorchiano 81, I-00189 Rome, Italy (Tel +39-06-33274631, Fax +39-06-33274632, e-mail caterina.panetta@uniroma1.it), or consult the website <http://w3.uniroma1.it/headache>.

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