

# SHEFFIELD LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

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### ***COURT REQUESTS FOR MEDICAL CERTIFICATION***

The LMC office has received a number of enquiries from GPs with regard to the provision of medical certification for patients to avoid court appearances. Following a productive meeting with Miss Fisher, District Legal Director, guidance has been produced for GPs (copy enclosed with this newsletter). Further copies can be emailed to practices - please email a request to Laura in the LMC office - [administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk](mailto:administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk)

### ***GLANDULAR NEOPLASIA REFERRALS***

*Article submitted by  
Dr Jenny Stephenson*

It has come to the attention of Mr John Tidy in the Colposcopy Clinic that GPs are sometimes referring samples with the result 'Glandular Neoplasia' relatively late. This is a condition which requires a referral under the Two Week Wait system and the lab rings the result to the practice in order for the referral to be done straight away in this manner.

### ***LUNG CANCER TWO WEEK WAIT REFERRAL FORM***

To improve the pathway for patients, the clinicians are now asking that U&E results be included in the referral so that they are able to improve access to pre-clinic/MDT

tests. Therefore, the lung cancer two week wait referral form has been amended to include this requirement. The updated form can be accessed via: <http://nww.sheffield.nhs.uk/forms/cancerservicereferrals.htm>. It has been requested that practices always use the form on the website and not from a previously issued folder, as the old forms do not include the box with this information.

### ***IM&T DES ACCREDITATION***

The LMC Secretary would like to point out the following article from the December issue of GPC News, which practices may find useful. PRIMIS+ have recently released a new e-audit tool for GP practices, to support them to achieve accredited data quality standards and ensure their clinical data is 'fit for sharing' in the NHS Care Records Service. Developed specifically by PRIMIS+ on behalf of NHS Connecting for Health (NHS CFH), the tool is designed to support the IM&T DES under the GMS contract. It will also facilitate IM&T adoption within GP practices, will enable 'paper light' practices to benchmark and improve the quality of their clinical data and will support delivery of the National Programme for IT, which is being delivered by NHS CFH. The e-audit, available in the PRIMIS+ CHART software meets a key objective of the IM&T DES and was developed in

collaboration with a number of professional organisations, including the GPC, the RCGP and NHS Employers, to ensure the queries to support the accreditation standard are appropriate. Further information can be found on the PRIMIS+ website: <http://www.primis.nhs.uk/pages/default.asp>

### ***NEGOTIATING FEES FOR LOCUM SERVICES IN GENERAL PRACTICE***

In 1999 the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) advised that publication of suggested fees for locums was anti-competitive and, as a result, the BMA's fees guidance schedule 12 was withdrawn. The BMA professional fees committee has agreed that clear guidance compatible with competition law should be made available to sessional GPs on how to calculate and negotiate their own rate for each job. The guidance has been produced to support all parties involved in negotiating for GP locum services. A copy of the guidance and calculator document can be:

- Downloaded from the GPC website: <http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/locum>
- Emailed to practices (in pdf/Excel format) - please email a request to Laura in the LMC office - [administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk](mailto:administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk)

## **GP PENSIONS DYNAMISING FACTORS CAP – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

The GPC has recently produced a frequently asked questions document entitled 'Information for GPs about the decision by the Secretary of State for Health to cap pension dynamising factors'. A copy of the guidance can be:

- Downloaded from the GPC website:  
<http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/faqspensionDF?OpenDocument&Highlight=2.cap.pensions>
- Emailed to practices (in pdf format) - please email a request to Laura in the LMC office - [administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk](mailto:administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk)

## **CHARGES TO NHS PATIENTS**

Due to an increasing tendency for private companies to provide services to NHS patients, the BMA has received a growing number of queries about when NHS patients can be charged. Recently released guidance seeks to address these issues by outlining the circumstances when it is allowed for charges to be made to NHS patients. A copy of the guidance can be:

- Downloaded from the GPC website:  
<http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/chargestonhspats?OpenDocument&Highlight=2.charges.nhs.patients>
- Emailed to practices (in pdf format) - please email a request to Laura in the LMC office - [administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk](mailto:administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk)

## **SENIORITY PAYMENTS**

The GPC's Focus on Seniority Payments, originally produced in September 2005, has recently been updated. The guidance deals with issues such as calculating seniority payments, claiming payment for work outside the NHS, salaried GPs and sabbaticals. A copy of the guidance can be:

- Downloaded from the GPC website (login is required):  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/focussenioritypay?OpenDocument&Highlight=2.seniority.payment](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/focussenioritypay?OpenDocument&Highlight=2.seniority.payment)
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## **APMS – ADVICE ON TENDERING**

The GPC is currently reviewing its package of guidance and advice available with regard to tendering and bidding for contracts. In the meantime, guidance is currently available on the BMA website, for members only, on bidding for contracts. Whilst this is part of the GPC's wider guidance on APMS, the principles outlined within this section may be applied when tendering for all contracts. A copy of the guidance can be:

- Downloaded from the GPC website (login is required):  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/apms0406~bidforapms](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/apms0406~bidforapms)

## **GP RETURNERS**

The GPC has revised its guidance for GP returners. The guidance now includes advice on the impact of the minimum wage regulations and the model salaried GP contract. It also gives advice to GPs wishing to return whilst no new central funding is available for the GP returners scheme. A copy of the guidance can be:

- Downloaded from the GPC website:  
<http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/gpreturners>
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## **INFECTIOUS LUMPS AND BUMPS**

*Article submitted by  
Anne Tunbridge, Consultant  
Physician, Sheffield Teaching  
Hospitals*

An educational evening meeting for GPs and practice nurses, run by the Department of Infection and Tropical Medicine, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

**Date:** 7 February 2007

### **Programme**

- Spot the Hamster: Management of Mumps in Teenagers and Adults
- Measles – would you recognise an outbreak? (And what to do if you do)
- Conspicuous Consumption: TB in South Yorkshire

**Venue:** Lecture theatre (Room F518), Faculty of Health and Wellbeing Building (previously the YMCA),

Hallam University, Broomhall Road, Sheffield

**Time:** Food served from 6pm  
Meeting 7–8.45pm

To reserve a place contact:  
[jenny.sykes@sth.nhs.uk](mailto:jenny.sykes@sth.nhs.uk). Tel: 0114 271 1975.

## **JUNIOR MEMBERS FORUM 2007**

Each year the BMA organises a weekend meeting, the Junior Members Forum, which is aimed at potential future medico-politicians. The BMA is looking for young members of the Association (within 12 years of provisional registration or 11 years of full registration), preferably who have not attended a previous forum. The 2007 Forum will be held at the Apex City Quay Hotel, Dundee over the weekend of 14 and 15 April and will be on the subject of "NHS...Going, Going, Gone?" Three or four speakers are expected on the Saturday morning, followed by working groups in the afternoon. The Sunday will be devoted to debates on motions from Forum members arising from the previous day's activities or other medical / medico-political subjects. The meeting will end at about 3.30 pm on Sunday. Overnight accommodation and all meals will be provided from Friday evening and receipted travelling expenses will be reimbursed. There will be a semi-formal dinner on the Saturday evening. Nominations for places have to be submitted to the BMA, via the LMC, by Friday 26 January 2007. Anyone interested in being nominated should contact Laura in the LMC office on [administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk](mailto:administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk)

Please forward any articles, comments etc for inclusion in the LMC newsletter to the LMC office via:

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