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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Board and other key appointments

Board

The Faculty Board, has co-opted **Dr Hazem Gallagher-Alagha** to fill the role of Trainee representative on the Board until the Annual General Meeting in 2012. Hazem is an StR based in Scotland working for Salus Occupational Health and Safety. He has acted as a deputy to the previous Trainee representative on the Board, Clare Piper, since September 2009.

Key appointments

We are pleased to announce that **Dr Dipti Patel** has been appointed to the new role of Deputy Director of Professional Development. Dipti will support the Director of Professional Development, Rob Thornton, and will assume responsibility for CPD, and act as Deputy Responsible Officer for the revalidation pilot. **Dr Nerys Williams** has been appointed as Chair of the POHMS (Promoting Occupational Health in Medical Schools) Sub-Committee. Nerys has been a member of the group since its inception. Both appointments are for a three year term.

Our thanks go to Clare Piper and Martin Tohill, who have stepped down as Trainee representative on the Faculty Board and Chair of the POHMS Sub-Committee respectively, although Martin will continue his work with POHMS as a member of the Sub-Committee.

Royal College of Physicians - Outpatient record standards project for the Department of Health

RCP is conducting an online survey and has asked the Faculty to forward this to our members. RCP explains that it is a survey of doctors and other healthcare professionals' views about how to overcome difficulties in 'accounting' for the work carried out as outpatient services as well as the challenge of bringing some form of order into outpatient clinical records.

The questionnaire takes about 15 minutes to complete and addresses the information that helps to understand the characteristics of outpatient sessions as well as the headings under which doctors and other healthcare professionals would record the clinical information. The list of clinical headings is extensive as it mirrors that for in-

patients. The OUTPATIENT SESSION information (as opposed to clinical information) is largely administrative and will not normally be recorded by clinicians. However it is critical that clinicians agree that what is proposed will properly define the outpatient services in which they are involved.

Not all the headings will be used in many specialties and outpatient sessions. They are included to be sure that the views of as many doctors and other healthcare professionals as possible are reflected in the final standards and recommendations.

Link to questionnaire:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Outpatient_Headings_Consultation

List of full headings being consulted on for your reference:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OVQP21xpLZ45U3G26Vq-VYj1zaGJEkMKm85YjCr6v9c/edit?hl=en_GB

With best wishes

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