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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Guide to the Revalidation of Occupational Physicians

Revalidation draws ever closer and the Faculty of Occupational Medicine continues to be involved in several streams of work, to help occupational physicians through the process. Now that there is sufficient clarity about how revalidation will be applied, the Faculty has produced a revalidation handbook:
http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/r_hbook_jun10.pdf.

The intention is to have a single Faculty document that is the source of all information required for individuals to revalidate. It is a 'living document' that will be responsive to feedback from individual occupational physicians, the piloting of revalidation and its eventual introduction. All licensed doctors should by now be considering how best they can provide the evidence to support their revalidation and the handbook provides guidance on this. We welcome feedback and any comments should be sent to professionaldevelopment@facocmed.ac.uk

Annual Scientific Meeting

Don't forget to book a place at the Annual Scientific Meeting, the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Dinner which all take place on Thursday 27 May 2010 at the Royal College of Physicians of London in St Andrews Place. Further information and the booking form can be found on the Faculty website at:
<http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/confommay10.pdf>.

Board Away Day - Report

A report of the Board's away day is available for members, in the members' section of the website <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/members/index.jsp>. The purpose of the away day was to discuss the strategy for the delivery of occupational health care in the UK, and particularly its implications for the specialty of occupational medicine and training.

Fit Note – a guide for occupational health professionals

On 6 April 2010 the format of the Medical Statement (also known as the Doctor's Certificate or the 'Sick Note') changed. DWP has produced a guide, in partnership with FOM and SOM, for occupational health professionals who are involved strategically in attendance management and in clinical care. The guide includes information on the Statement of Fitness for Work and how the changes to the Statement affect the processes associated with managing sickness absence.

The guide can be found at
<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/fitnote-occupational-health-guide.pdf>.

With best wishes



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