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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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GMC Revised Guidance on Confidentiality

You will be aware that the GMC's revised guidance on confidentiality became effective in October 2009. This raised a number of questions and led to a meeting and correspondence between FOM and SOM, and the GMC. The Faculty undertook to review its own Guidance on Ethics and this task has been completed.

The revision to articles 3.37 – 3.40 of the Faculty's Guidance on Ethics for Occupational Physicians (2006) in the light of the amended GMC guidance is now published.

To supplement this revised guidance a series of questions and answers has been produced by the Faculty Ethics Committee. These do not have the status of a Faculty publication but are indicative of some of the enquiries individual committee members have received since October 2009. The answers represent the consensus view of the committee. These documents are available by clicking [here](#).

CPD Reminder

- Please remember that the deadline for receipt of 2009 return is 31st March 2010.
- Returns received after that date will incur a £55 late fee.
- Returns posted on 31st March are not acceptable and will also incur a late fee.
- Please send in CPD pages 1 and 6 only – if invited for an audit we will require the full application.
- See website for further information about this.
- Watch out for details of the next audit.
- All information is available on our website.

With best wishes



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