



FACULTY OF PHARMACEUTICAL MEDICINE
OF THE ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Submission of comments on the Consultation relating to the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine Board of Trustees' recommendation to admit non-medically qualified individuals as members

The closing dates for the receipt of any comments is 17.00 hrs on 31st August 2017

Please complete:

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If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please give its name and state your capacity within the organisation	Organisation	Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
	Capacity	CEO
If responding as an individual are you a member of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If responding as an individual and you are <u>not</u> a member of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine what is your interest in the proposal?		
Comments and the identity of the sender may be published in a Faculty report in relation to the consultation, do you give your permission for this?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

When completed, this form should be sent to the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine electronically, in Word format (not PDF) to consultation@fpm.org.uk or by mail to the Faculty Office at 19 Angel Gate, 326a City Road, London, EC1V 2PT, United Kingdom.

COMMENTS

Line number(s) of the relevant text if applicable (e.g. Lines 20-23)	COMMENTS
General Comments	RCPE has a number of non-medical Fellows but no non-medical members although this remains under active consideration, given the continuing development of multi-disciplinary teams. Non-medical fellows enrich the College significantly with their related and independent perspectives. For this reason we understand and support your aim but would like to alert you to the likelihood of this requiring significant investment of time and funds to develop successfully and ask if there is a business case that can be made public. It may help address the dissent noted by some within the Faculty.
56-59	Comment: The Faculty of Public Health may be the only one to as yet have fully integrated medical and non-medical applicants. RCoA and RCPCH have affiliate categories similar to the one you propose and where such members have no voting rights. RCPL have a separate Faculty for Physicians Associates rather than a non-medical membership category. RCR non medics are a group arrangement with IPEM members.
64-67	Comment: In your analysis of consultation responses will you refer to the discussion at your last AGM where a range of views were expressed, including some significant reservations?
74-78	Comment: Will the results of the analysis of consultation responses be openly published before seeking a vote via referendum?
103-107	Comment: What is the size of your current affiliate group and how does this compare with your membership numbers – it would be useful for monitoring growth if the proposal is accepted.
117-152	Comment: How will you evaluate the impact of non-medical membership in terms of your noted benefits and risks over the next 2 years – the financial impact is easier but the impact on policy etc. more difficult. Will the additional burden of standard setting for different disciplines be affordable if numbers joining are small? Has the initial investment been costed to illustrate the financial impact and should this be shared with the voting constituency?

160-165	Comment: If all share the same post nominals (eventually) will the skills and expertise of different disciplines working in the field be obvious to external observers.

Please add more rows if needed.