

If you have any questions about these research grants you can contact the BMA at info.sciencegrants@bma.org.uk
Or
Telephone 020 7383 6755.

Pronouncement of Life Extinct Form

We believe that some GPs, especially those in rural locations, are being asked by Police Officers to sign the above named form before leaving the premises where there has been a death.

The LMC view is that this is a Scottish Ambulance Service Form and if they are not in attendance then the form should not be in use – we think that because the GP is often the only Medic in attendance due to ambulance shortages / the ambulance being “off area” then the police are mistakenly asking the GP to do this.

Our advice is to politely refuse.

Care Inspectorate – GP Medical Assessment Form (Publication code: OPS-0711-055)

Thank you to the GP who brought this form to our attention – I am sure many of you will have seen it.

The LMC view is that this is not a very well worded form and is actually seeking an Occupational Health opinion. We do not believe the GP is always best placed to give this.

We believe that it would be more appropriate if the Care Inspectorate would seek completion of this by their Occupational Health Doctor or Service.

However, if you want to complete it, and feel it is within your professional competence, you can of course do so and are entitled to charge appropriately under your usual private fee arrangements but please note the Care Inspectorate believes the “Responsibility for payment rests between the applicant and the Doctor”.

Newly Diagnosed Type 2 Diabetics – patient leaflets

We have been asked to remind practices that printed packs containing the key information leaflets from SCI-Diabetes are available for newly diagnosed Type 2 Diabetics pre attendance at TDEP. These can be obtained from Sandra Scott, MCN Administrator. (Tel: 01382 835186)

This has been offered via MCN to practices over the years but not all practices have taken up the offer of

being provided with the printed packs. There is a significant amount of material in these packs and we would suggest that this would be a more efficient way to obtain these than trying to collate these ‘in-house’.

The BMJ Awards

Launched in 2009, The BMJ Awards are the UK's premier medical awards programme, recognising and celebrating the inspirational work done by doctors and their teams. This is an annual programme of Awards which opens for entries in the autumn culminating the following summer with an award ceremony in front of a prestigious audience of leading figures from medicine and health in the UK.

The 2015 Awards are open for entries. The link below will give you more information about the categories and how to apply:

<http://thebmjawards.bmj.com/Home>

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