

**The Dispensing Doctors' Association (DDA) represents over 6,600 doctors currently working in 1,290 dispensing practices across the UK.**

**It is the only organisation that specifically represents the interests of dispensing doctors and their 8.8 million patients**



## What we do...



### Inform

- We publish and maintain the most up-to-date and comprehensive news and resource website to specialise in the management of medicines and practice of dispensing GPs
- We publish and maintain the CQC-approved DDA Dispensing Guidance, which contains vital information and guidance for all organisations involved in the management of medicines
- We proactively alert our members to urgent matters regarding dispensing
- We organise an annual conference where dispensing doctors can network and share local excellence in dispensing practice.

### Advise

- We have practising dispensing doctors and practice managers on hand to provide members with first hand advice and guidance on the full spectrum of dispensing issues.
- Our Integrated Medicines Provider Forum offers specialist help and advice to members with an interest in running a pharmacy.
- We provide advice and information to outside agencies to ensure they receive correct and unbiased information about dispensing by doctors.

### Educate

- We offer member-only resources on a wide range of business and practice issues including: VAT, controlled drugs, standard operating procedures for the dispensary and information on the Dispensary Services Quality Scheme.
- We provide clinical education and training for dispensary staff. Our library of Dispenser Education Modules currently covers more than 37 areas of daily practice ranging from promoting medicines' adherence to giving patients advice on using insulin pens.

### Represent

- We respond to relevant government consultations across Great Britain to ensure that the interests of dispensing practice and patients, wherever they are based, are taken into account.
- We hold regular meetings with the GPC, pharmacy negotiating bodies and the regional departments of health and other GB health agencies to promote the interests of dispensing doctors in areas such as remuneration and reimbursement.
- We lobby politicians, medico-politicians and key decision makers to ensure transparency and understanding of the value of dispensing by doctors to rural communities
- We develop ties with both the pharmaceutical industry and wholesalers to ensure that the concerns and interests of dispensing doctors are heard.
- We provide advice and information to outside agencies to ensure they receive correct and unbiased information about dispensing by doctors.



**Please visit [www.dispensingdoctor.org](http://www.dispensingdoctor.org) to see the information and resources that we offer.**

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