

# A new collaboration between *Hospital Medicine* and **Doctors.net.uk**

**A**s the leading source of clinical review articles for hospital doctors, as well as an invaluable source of information about education and training, *Hospital Medicine* is delighted to announce details of our collaboration with **Doctors.net.uk**, the UK's leading website for doctors.

## HOSPITAL MEDICINE

*Hospital Medicine* is an international, peer-reviewed clinical review journal. It covers all hospital specialties, as reflected by its Editorial Board and International Advisory Board. *Hospital Medicine* was launched in 1966 and since then has constantly provided doctors with an independent source of clinical information in an easily digestible format. It contains review articles written by experts in each field, allowing busy doctors quickly and easily to update their knowledge on a particular area.

Our collaboration with **Doctors.net.uk** allows you to view full-text articles from the current issue of *Hospital Medicine* on-line. It also allows you to search the archives of *Hospital Medicine* and access individual articles. If you subscribe to *Hospital Medicine*, you can have unlimited access to the back issues of *Hospital Medicine* from 1999. For further details contact Sally Boettcher on +44 (0)1722 716997 or e-mail [s.boettcher@markallengroup.com](mailto:s.boettcher@markallengroup.com)

If you do not subscribe to *Hospital Medicine*, you can still use the search facility to see if there are any articles on areas you are researching. These can be purchased on an individual basis using a credit card on our secure server.

## DOCTORS.NET.UK

**Doctors.net.uk** is an established on-line service that has revolutionized medical communications in the UK. It is created

by doctors for doctors, with the mission of improving health care through:

- Modernizing medical communication
- Ensuring that all doctors have access to the best medical knowledge
- Reducing costs for medical organizations wishing to use the Internet to disseminate information.

Launched in September 1998 by a group of NHS clinicians, **Doctors.net.uk** is an on-line service designed solely for the use of the medical profession. **Doctors.net.uk** was created to meet the NHS's need to modernize medical communication economically throughout the UK. It is already Europe's largest on-line medical community with over 60 000 registered members.

The website is tailored to the needs of all UK doctors. It enables medical bodies to disseminate important information quickly and economically to all UK doctors, and provides members with free-of-charge access to the best medical research and information. A wide range of services is also provided through alliances forged with leading medical and commercial businesses.

The **Doctors.net.uk** ethical and editorial committee, with representatives from medical schools, postgraduate medicine and allied professions, has been created to ensure the service is run to the highest professional standards. It also ensures that users can trust the information provided.

## WHAT DO YOU GET FROM DOCTORS.NET.UK

All **Doctors.net.uk** services are free of charge to clinicians. The key components are Internet access for all doctors and a universal medical e-mail address.

The **Doctors.net.uk** forum covers a range of specialist medical areas to enable doctors, medical associations, committees or special interest groups

across the country to discuss and debate medical issues and share best practice.

Medline, the Cochrane Library, an electronic formulary with detailed information on all UK medicines and other quality resources may be searched from one easy-to-use interface. Postgraduate education association (PGEA)-approved continuing medical education for GPs is available free online and continuing medical education for specialists is in development.

**Doctors.net.uk** offers NHS trusts, health authorities and GP practices the potential saving of unlimited free advertising of medical vacancies. In the first 6 months of this offer, over 50% of NHS trusts used this service.

Members can access a range of medical, communications and leisure goods and services at significant discounts by using the links on the **Doctors.net.uk** website.

You can access the website by visiting [www.Doctors.net.uk](http://www.Doctors.net.uk) and entering your General Medical Council number to register. A dedicated, free help-desk is available 9am to 7pm weekdays on 01235 828400 for forgotten user names or any other advice.

## WORKING FOR DOCTORS

We feel that there is a lot of synergy between **Doctors.net.uk** and *Hospital Medicine*. In this busy stressful time, we are both striving to make doctors lives easier, by providing them with the information they need in an accessible form. We would value your feedback on both products separately and together — we can only improve if you tell us what you need from us. **HM**

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