

A quick guide to

the GP Society Partnership Network



Society Partnership Network

What is the network?

The RCGP is committed to **inspiring tomorrow's GPs and future leaders of the profession**. We want to attract, engage and educate our future workforce by providing vibrant and engaging opportunities to experience general practice throughout your time at medical school.

Our own research has found that **peer-to-peer engagement** has a profound impact on the experience and perception of medical students towards general practice.

The **Society Partnership Support Network** provides official recognition, greater resource, and guidance to UK GP societies to help support and empower you to be our biggest advocates within the medical student community and your own localities.



"We found being affiliated with the RCGP really helpful and inspiring - and we've met lots of new role models"
- Sally (President, Lancaster GP Society)



How does my GP Soc benefit?



Community

The **GP Soc Network** is a UK-wide community of like-minded peers bringing you together to share ideas and opportunities. Grow your networks through event collabs with other Societies on events and tap into RCGP help to promote them.

Get exclusive access to our GP Soc online community | more details on sign up!

Connect

Each Society will receive two tickets to attend the GP Society Summit in November!

Link up with GP Socs from around the UK to celebrate, support connect and come away inspired as future primary care leaders!



Grow

Get tailored training at the **GP Soc Summit**, plus peer-led activities to elevate your society. Access **year-round support** on everything from running events to taking your Soc to the next level.

Got an idea for a new ambitious project? Apply to the **Society Development Fund** for one off grants up to £200.

Advocate

Be an advocate for **#TeamGP** in your medical school and student community and share the love with exclusive RCGP merch for freshers' fairs and other events.

Nominate your peers, your GP Society, or an inspiring medical educator for the **Inspire Awards!** Nominations and more info at rcgp.org.uk/awards

Year outline



July

Soc sign up opens

August

Merch deliveries

March

Discover GP conferences

GP Soc Summit

November

January

GP Society catch up

GP Soc Summit



The **GP Society Summit** brings together GP Societies from all over the UK to share ideas, celebrate successes, and elevate your societies. The day includes training and networking opportunities. Plus you'll get the chance to build relationships with the wider RCGP family, including local faculties, Community Group leads, and leaders of the profession.

At least two members of each affiliated GP Soc must attend this key event.

Your #TeamGP family

#TeamGP is a vast, interconnected support network so make the most of it by reaching out and building those relationships! A quick who's who...

Your local faculty lead the GP agenda in your region, offering support, awards and more opportunities to shape the future of general practice. Find yours at rcgp.org.uk/faculties

Your **medical school Head of GP Teaching** can offer vital support in representing your needs within the medical school, so make sure to engage with them from day one.

Near-peers like FYs and GP trainees can help support your Soc's development and give you insights into your next steps. Consider having an FY rep on your committee to enhance your connections and ask your local faculty for help in reaching out through local networks.

Your **local GPs and GP practices** can offer exciting opportunities to learn more about the wonderful world of GP; from audit schemes to speaking at events.



Being an RCGP member

As an affiliated society you are responsible for promoting RCGP student membership to students at your medical school. Membership is free for medical students and all prospective GPs - visit rcgp.org.uk/membership for more information.

As a member of the RCGP you are...



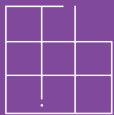
Always learning

- access to RCGP e-library and e-learning modules
- free talks, events & conferences
- discounted rate for the RCGP Annual Conference



Taking care of your wellbeing

- access wellbeing events & initiatives
- benefit from RCGP Plus with a wide variety of member offers



Part of a community

- join a global network of 53,000+ GPs and a growing community of prospective GPs
- access to RCGP Mentoring, connecting you with inspiring role models and support in your development



The voice of general practice

- be part of a collective GP voice
- help campaign to raise the profile of general practice and bring about positive change
- represent your peers locally and nationally through your faculty and community groups



Shaping the future

- share your thoughts, ideas & research to shape the future of the profession



"Being involved with the RCGP has given our society so many benefits, like planning and organising national student events which helped us develop transferable skills and meet like-minded people"

- Jade (President 2019-20, Leicester GP society)



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